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## LEGAL BATTLE OF LOCAL SHIPPING FIRM.

### STORMY MEETING DESCRIBED.

### DIRECTORS WHO DECLINED TO BE OUSTED.

### INJUNCTION ASKED.

A stormy meeting of shareholders of a local shipping company, following serious disputes between the directors and certain shareholders who wished to remove them on grounds of alleged mismanagement, was described in an action which commenced before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Supreme Court this morning.

The Sze Yap Steamship Company, Limited, is the plaintiff and defendants are Chung Ching-shue, No. 61, Wing Lok Street, Chun Yuen-chi, No. 20, Connaught Road West, Lo Man-pan, No. 11, Queen's Road Central, Lau Fai-tong, No. 305, Queen's Road Central, and Lau Hong-sang, on board the s.s. Tai Lee.

Plaintiff claims an injunction to restrain defendants from acting as directors, or dealing with the funds, or using the seal, or otherwise interfering in the management of the company, and for damages in respect of these matters.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, of Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, is for plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, is defending.

### Interim Injunction.

Opening the case, Mr. Potter stated that the action was against former directors of the company. An interim injunction had been granted and certain issues were down for trial. The result of the findings on those issues would decide whether or not the injunction would be continued.

Remarking that the issues appeared to be clear cut, and that he did not think his Lordship would be troubled with a consideration of the rights and wrongs of the case, which, he submitted, were entirely irrelevant, counsel said they had received a letter from the other side asking for two further issues to be tried, making five altogether.

Mr. Potter said he could not agree to the issues being enlarged as he considered them irrelevant, but added that he was prepared for them to be tried if his Lordship thought it better.

After hearing Mr. Jenkin on the matter, his Lordship included one additional issue and excluded the other.

### "Shareholders Divided."

Proceeding, Mr. Potter said that the company operated the s.s. Tai Lee and the s.s. On Lee, between Hongkong and Kowloon. For a considerable time the shareholders had been divided into two groups, and the plaintiff group felt very strongly that the company had not been properly managed. There were very serious disputes which came to a head early in 1930.

On March 27, 1930, Messrs. G.K. Hall Brutton and Company, acting on behalf of a large body of shareholders, sent a requisition to the directors, calling upon them to convene an extraordinary meeting. The requisition contained eight resolutions, which were to the effect that the requisitionists desired to get rid of the directors and appoint others. The directors, in a written reply, refused to convene the meeting. Subsequently the shareholders instructed Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, who prepared another requisition on April 8, 1930, but the directors again failed to convene a meeting.

### Directors' Attitude.

Reply to his Lordship, Mr. Potter said there was a bitter dispute among the directors, some of whom said that they had not seen the requisition. He thought the directors refused to convene the meeting but as he wanted to keep out of controversial matters he would say that they did not call it.

The requisitionists, he went on, as they were entitled to do, con-

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## CHINA INDEMNITY PURCHASES.

### SINO-BRITISH COMMISSION PERSONNEL.

### APPOINTMENT PLAN.

London, Feb. 2.

Pressed to expedite the appointment of the members of the China Indemnity Commission under the China Indemnity Bill, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told a questioner in the House of Commons, that the Commission was in process of formation.

The Chinese Minister in London, Mr. Alfred Sze, and a representative of the Chinese Ministry of Railways, will be the Chinese members of the Commission, and the remaining four members will be British, selected by the Chinese Government from a panel of names which will be submitted to them shortly.

Mr. A. M. Samuel urged that enquiries be made regarding the five British members of the staff of the Canton-Hankow Railway who have not yet received their due.

Mr. Dalton replied that Mr. Henderson has asked Sir Miles Lampson to report on their cases.

Replying to another question, Mr. Dalton told Mr. Samuel that the Government were of the opinion that Chinese obligations to the British holders of loan bonds for building and equipping the Hu-Kiang, Tientsin-Pukow, Lang-Tsinghai, and Canton-Kowloon Railways should be treated separately from the Boxer Indemnity position, although the Government were anxious for Sir Miles Lampson to use the utmost influence in the matter. — *Reuter.*

## ALARMING QUAKE IN N. ZEALAND.

### SEA-BOTTOM STATED TO BE LIFTING.

Wellington, N.Z., Feb. 2.

An alarming earthquake occurred this morning, as the result of which a viaduct in the Hawkes Bay district was damaged.

The sea-bottom at Napier is stated to be lifting, and in consequence of the discovery, steamers are putting out to sea.

A number of oil-tanks at Napier have been set on fire, but the telegraph lines are down and information is meagre. — *Reuter.*

## GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE.

### WITHDRAWAL MOTIONS DEFEATED.

Berlin, Feb. 3.

In the course of a discussion by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag on Dr. Curtius' report on the last meeting of the League of Nations Council, the Nazis put forward a motion demanding Germany's withdrawal from the League, on the ground of the League's "complete failure with regard to the protection of national minorities and disarmament."

The Socialists also demanded withdrawal.

Both motions were, however, defeated. — *Reuter.*

## INQUIRY INTO THE "DOLE."

### COMMISSION TO MAKE AN INTERIM REPORT.

London, Feb. 2.

The Prime Minister announced today that the Royal Commission on unemployment insurance has been asked to make an interim report on the subject of transitional benefits at an early date.

This type of benefit is not provided for in the actuarial basis of the insurance scheme, and evidence before the Commissioners on its effect on the finances of the scheme has caused concern in the Press and Parliament. — *British Wireless.*

### LIGHT RAIN.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central over South Manchuria. A depression is shown over S. W. China and North Indo-China. The local forecast is — south winds, moderate; generally cloudy, some light rain.

## AN EXPENSE FOR ECONOMY.

### \$100 A DAY WATER EXPERT.

### FACTS UNFOLDED.

Attention has been drawn to an interesting news item contained in the report of the last meeting of Committee No. 5 of the Straits Council, held on January 12, when it was decided to recommend that a fee of \$100 per day be charged to the Hongkong Government for each day of Mr. Murnane's special retention at Hongkong.

Upon enquiries this morning, we learn that Mr. Murnane is the head of the Water Department of the Singapore Municipal Council, and that his advice on water matters relating to Hongkong was solicited by the Detachment Committee, at the time of his passing through the Colony a short while ago.

The Committee quickly recognised the value of such an authoritative opinion, and after communications had been exchanged between the Hongkong and Straits authorities, it was agreed that Mr. Murnane, who was then returning from leave, should prolong his stay in Hongkong for a few days, and give his assistance to the Detachment Committee on the local water question.

We are given to understand that his observations were of especial value to the Committee.

## DARING THEFT IN KOWLOON.

### BLANKET PULLED OFF A SLEEPING MAN.

Whilst the inmates of a shoe-maker's shop in No. 12, Parkes Street, were asleep, a thief inserted his hand through the shutters and removed a blanket which was covering a sleeping man, and bolted away. He was seen by one of the foks of the shop, who raised the alarm. The thief was chased and arrested in the street.

Before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the thief, Mak Hoi, was charged by Inspector Clarke with having stolen a blanket, the property of Cheung Chun in the early hours of this morning, and also with house-breaking.

The defendant pleaded not guilty, and said that he had stumbled against the door of No. 12, Parkes Street. The door swung open and he was chased and arrested. He denied the theft.

The complainant and the foks who saw the theft, gave evidence, after which Mr. Butters convicted the defendant and sentenced him to four months' imprisonment.

## RETURNED BANISHEE SENTENCED.

### PLEADS GUILTY TO THREE THEFTS.

Three thefts were ascribed to a returned banishee, Lo Chan, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Besides the charge of having returned before the expiry of his term of ten years, imposed last year, defendant was charged with having stolen two pieces of clothing from outside No. 5, Peace Avenue, the property of Miss M. D. Assumpcao, on February 1; two hats and a jersey from No. 5, Victory Avenue, the property of Mr. T. Dabiru, on December 28; and three woollen singlets from outside No. 3, Peace Avenue, on January 11 and 18, the property of Tsang Yeung.

On the defendant pleading guilty, Mr. Butters imposed sentence of three months' imprisonment each on the larceny counts, the sentences to run consecutively on the first two cases and concurrently on the third. Six months' imprisonment was imposed on the banishment charge.

Lady Peel is to distribute cups and certificates at the St. Stephen's Girls College at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

## SPECULATION IN PEAK HOUSES.

### CHINESE ACTIVITY REPORTED.

### MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE RESIDENCE LAW.

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

In view of a report which appeared in the *Wah Kiu Yat Po*, a local Chinese daily paper, to the effect that as a result of the repealing by the Government of the Ordinance of 1904, which prohibited Chinese from living on the Peak, there had been sudden Chinese speculative activity in Peak houses, and that the speculators now believed that Chinese may live on the Peak from henceforth, the *Telegraph* this morning, made enquiries at the Colonial Secretariat regarding the actual position.

Our representative was informed that although the Ordinance of 1904 was repealed on December 6 of last year, there still remained another Ordinance which covered the same question, and the position accordingly remained practically as before, except that all permanent residents, of whatever nationality, have to obtain permission to reside on the Peak.

### The Old Ordinance.

The Ordinance of 1904 (section 3) stated that it should not be

## BLUEBIRD DRIVEN AT 240 M.P.H.

### Captain Campbell's Effort in Unofficial Trial.

### BID FOR RECORD TO-DAY.

Daytona, Florida, Feb. 2.

Captain Malcolm Campbell, the famous British racing motorist, driving the fourteen-hundred horse-power British car "Bluebird" in a practice run to-day, attained a speed of approximately 240 miles an hour.

The speed was unofficially timed, and in any event the late Sir Henry Segrave's 231 m.p.h. is unaffected, as apart from the absence of an official time-keeper, records must be made by taking the mean of speed made travelling each way over a set course.

Later.

Captain Campbell will make his official attempt on the record to-morrow, the beach and the weather permitting. — *Reuter's American Service.*

## ROYAL LOVE ROMANCE.

### PRINCE LENNART'S ENGAGEMENT.

### KING FORBIDS.

Stockholm, Feb. 2.

The desire of Prince Lennart, the King's grandson to marry a commoner, a Royal love-romance which has attracted much attention in Sweden since the Prince Lennart announced his engagement in defiance of the Court, is to-day the subject of a Court Circular.

King Gustav, who is 72 years of age, finally refuses his consent to the engagement, the circular stating:

"The Constitution provides that a Prince of the Royal House shall not marry without the knowledge and consent of the King. After long and earnest consideration, the King has decided that it is impossible for him to consent to the marriage."

## REVENUE OFFICER CHARGED.

### DEMANDING MONEY BY MENACES.

### NO BAIL ALLOWED.

A charge of demanding money by menaces, with probability of more serious indictments being preferred, was brought against a Chinese Revenue Officer who appeared before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning, accused of using threats to secure a sum of \$100 from inmates of 1, McGregor Street, Wanchai.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared in Court on behalf of the complainants, while Mr. J. M. Remedios was for the defence.

Detective Sergeant Lamont, who conducted the case for the police, opposed bail on the grounds of more serious charges being probable. He remarked that he had consulted the law officers and it was not yet decided on what counts the defendant should stand his trial. Charges of robbery of the money and—intimidation were being contemplated.

Continuing, the officer said the defendant was arrested about a quarter of an hour after he had been in the house, Police whistles were blown by the inmates and a District Watchman, who happened to be in the vicinity, gave chase. The defendant and another Revenue Officer were pursued for a long distance, after which the accused was arrested as he was about to board a tram. The other man escaped and it was understood, had since absconded.

During the chase, the men had discarded the money in the streets and part of it was picked up by passers-by.

His Worship remanded the defendant until next Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. for the hearing of the case, bail being refused.

## FAMOUS INVENTOR'S DEATH.

### DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS FOR USE IN WAR.

London, Feb. 2.

The death has occurred of the well-known engineer and explosives expert, Mr. Frederick Marten Hale. He was 66 years of age.

The late Mr. Hale's inventions were invaluable to the Allied cause. The Hale Rifle Grenade and the Hale Aircraft Bombs were the only ones available for the British and French forces when the War broke out. The first Zeppelin to be destroyed in the war by aircraft, in its hanger at Dusseldorf (Lieut. Marix, October 1914), the first Zeppelin to be brought down in mid-air, 1915, and the first submarine to be sunk by aircraft, were all effected by Hale bombs, many hundreds of thousands of which were made. Over ten million Hale grenades were used in the trenches.

He was also the first to propose and invent, in November 1914, an anti-submarine diving bomb, or depth charge. He was also an expert on armour-piercing shells. — *Reuter.*

## ELECTORAL REFORM MEASURE.

### CONSERVATIVES MOVE ITS REJECTION.

London, Feb. 2.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes, moved the second reading of the Representation of the People Bill, which introduces the Alternative Vote and other changes in electoral procedure.

Sir Samuel Hoare moved the rejection of the Bill on behalf of the Conservatives, while Sir Herbert Samuel, for the Liberals, spoke in support of the Bill.

The division will be taken on Tuesday night. — *British Wireless.*

Nanking, Feb. 3.

Five aeroplanes are expected shortly for the Nanking-Berlin air line.

Two Junker planes are due in Shanghai on the 12th instant, and the first trial flight from Nanking to Berlin will take place on March 1st. — *Reuter.*

## THE GOVERNMENT AND GANDHI.

### CONSTANT WATCH ON SITUATION.

### WEEKLY APPRECIATIONS SUSPENDED.

### MAHATMA'S PROPHECY

London, Feb. 2.

India, Gandhi and the attitude of the Congress, were the subject of a series of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for India, informed questioners that twenty-eight leaders of the Congress had been released. It was too soon to appraise the effect of the Round Table Conference deliberations and of the unconditional release of the Congress leaders.

He added, in reference to Press reports to the effect that Gandhi had indicated a desire to return to an intensive form of boycott that the Government was constantly considering the situation as it developed.

### Possible Prejudice.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn later stated that in order to avoid the risk of possible prejudice to a favourable issue of the present situation, it was proposed to suspend the issue for publication of the Government of India's weekly appreciation.

Asked if a committee of experts to work out details of the proposed training college for Indian Army Officers in India had been set up, Mr. Wedgwood Benn said: "Not yet, but I am in consultation with the Government of India." — *Reuter.*

Associated Press messages from Bombay state that "Mahatma Gandhi has served notice" on Great Britain that, regardless of the progress towards the establishment of self-government in India, the activities of the Congress Party, including the campaign of civil disobedience, would continue unabated.

The nationalist boycott of foreign cloth, the party's refusal to pay taxes and its picketing of liquor, drug and cloth shops would proceed, he said.

Gandhi issued the statement of his party as he sat, Hindu fashion, on a stone floor following his release from the Yeroda Jail at Poona last night.

## DESERT RAIDERS ROUNDED UP.

### CHASED DAY AND NIGHT UNTIL SURRENDER.

Luxor, Feb. 2.

The province has been relieved by news that all the bandit terrorists concerned in the attack on the American Expedition wages car on the 28th, have been rounded up thanks to the tenacity of the police.

The "quarry" was chased up to the last man, day and night over the hilly desert.

All the bandits were wounded before they surrendered, with the exception of their leader, Abu-Zeid-Abu-Taleb, who was killed. — *Reuter.*

## BENGALI OUTRAGE SENTENCE.

### SOLE SURVIVOR CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Calcutta, Feb. 2.

Dinesh Gupta, the sole survivor of the three terrorists who murdered Colonel Simpson, the Inspector-General of Prisons in Bengal, and wounded Mr. Nelson, the Legal Remembrancer, has been sentenced to death.

It will be recalled that after the murder, the three assailants turned their revolvers upon themselves when capture became imminent. Dinesh Gupta was the only one to survive the wounding. — *Reuter.*

## NANKING-BERLIN AIR LINE.

### TRIAL FLIGHT FIXED FOR NEXT MONTH.

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## PROPERTY SEIZED.

Nanking, Feb. 3.

The Government has ordered the confiscation of all property owned by Marshal Yen Hsi-shan. — *Reuter.*



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# AMBULANCE CORPS INSPECTION.

COMMENDED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

The Hongkong branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade exhibited its smartness and efficiency at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, when His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.), conducted the annual inspection.

Under the direction of Mr. Alfred Morris (Assistant Commissioner) and Mr. J. Ralston (Corps Superintendent), the brigade revealed itself as being not only highly trained in the methods of assisting the injured, but also showed a smartness in turn-out which was exemplary. His Excellency the Governor, both in his address and his comments to the officers, expressed his complete satisfaction and his admiration for the display.

Sir William Peel, who wore official uniform, was accompanied by his A.D.C. (Capt. Colman), and among those present were also Lady Peel, accompanied by Mr. G.W.A. Tufton (Private Secretary), His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major General J. W. Sandilands), with Capt. Cameron (A.D.C.), the Commodore (Capt. A. H. Walker) and Mrs. Walker, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), and Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Li Yick-mui, Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., Kwok Shu-lau, T. N. Chau, C. G. Alabaster, and Simon Tse Yan.

Upon the entrance of the official party, the band of the South Wales Borderers led the Royal Salute, which was given by the entire brigade, including the Victoria Nursing Division and the Motor Ambulance section.

Subsequently Sir William carried out an inspection of the brigade in its entirety, and afterwards an impressive demonstration was given, when "patients," supposed to be suffering from broken limbs, lacerations, dislocated bones, fits, etc., were speedily and effectively bandaged and prepared for removal to hospital. The demonstration was a very fine achievement, and clearly showed how efficient was the whole brigade. When these first-aid requirements had been attended to, His Excellency made his way around the ranks, pausing to inspect the work, and congratulating the men on the excellence of the display.

The Governor's Commendation.

Later Sir William presented the prizes to the successful divisions, and addressed the brigade, in the course of which he said:

It gives me great pleasure to be here to-day to inspect you and to watch your demonstration. I should like to congratulate you on the efficiency of your demonstration and turn-out. I also congratulate those to whom I have handed prizes this afternoon, and I hope their success will incite others to emulate a similar success next year.

Since the last inspection you have lost your late Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Ralphs, to whom the success of the Corps is largely due. I sincerely congratulate you and Mr. Morris on his appointment as Assistant Commissioner in Mr. Ralphs' place. Mr. Morris has been associated with the Corps since 1916, and during that time has had a distinguished term of office.

I must strike one sad note, and that is the loss of Mr. Savage, the late District Commissioner for Kowloon. He was a most zealous officer and his death is a considerable loss to the Corps.

The Corps continues its successful career, numbering 438 at the end of last year as compared with 233 three years before. It has grown since 1916 from two Divisions to 16. During the year, the Corps has attended lectures and instruction in first-aid, and in the case of the nurses, they have attended nursing lectures, and I understand the majority of them passed the ex-

aminations. The Corps has kindly assisted in the instruction of members of the Police Force and Fire Brigade in first-aid, no less than 375 members of these bodies having passed their tests in this. Government is very grateful to the Corps for its co-operation.

## Effective Vaccinations.

It continues to do excellent work in the matter of vaccinations and between October 1929 and April 1930, 134,000 vaccinations were performed, 3,000 of which were children under five years of age. Up to the present session, no less than 70,000 cases have been treated for vaccination. I cannot speak with too much praise of this work, and in the opinion of the Director of Medical Services the small number of small-pox cases is largely due to your efforts in vaccination. I congratulate the Corps on its work in vaccination.

Commenting further on the low incidence of small-pox in the Colony, which he regarded as a satisfactory feature, His Excellency reminded them that it might perhaps be rather dangerous to have too much confidence in its immunity, and that a few cases next year might mean much more work for them to do.

His Excellency continued.—In addition, the Corps has attended 200 cases of suicides, assaults, etc., and 20 cases of fire outbreaks, and I cannot say too much about the public service which the Corps renders. I take this opportunity of stressing the great part which you take in the good of the community, and I appeal for small financial assistance as the Corps is supported by voluntary contributions, and it needs additional assistance to provide for its equipment and medical stores, which, through the fall of the dollar, have become more expensive.

The balance in 1930 is a little misleading, as several payments were made at the end of the year, including \$2,500 for prizes, whilst it is proposed to purchase a new ambulance for \$6,500. It is also hoped to build new headquarters from the Corps fund; this is a long felt want and I feel the appeal is fully justified.

I wish to thank the lecturers, demonstrators, examiners and all who give their services to assist the Corps. A great debt of gratitude is owed to them, and I wish you every continued success in the years to come.

A great debt of gratitude is also owed to the Hongkong Tramway Company and the Star Ferry Co. for the assistance they have given in the matter of special fares.

## The Prize Winners.

Immediately after this, His Excellency stood at the saluting base, where the entire brigade, including the motor and nursing sections, marched past, whilst Sir William took the salute.

The prize winners were as follows:

Long Service Medal.—Chan Man Kai, of Kowloon Division.  
Ralphs Shield.—King's College Division.

Savage Memorial.—Y.M.C.A.  
Ho Kom Tong Shield.—Victoria Nursing Division.

Holyoak Attendance Cup.—Railway Division.  
Lau Chu Pak Cup. (Duty).—Y.M.C.A.

Wong Kwong Tin Vaccination Cup.—Mong Kok Division.  
Ho Fook Efficiency Cup.—Squad 4.

## Swimming Trophies.

Ellis Kadoorie Shield, Ho Tung Cup for Life Saving, Ho Brothers Cup, Nam Yeung Cup, Chan Chan Nam Cup, Chater Challenge Shield, all won by St. Joseph's Division.

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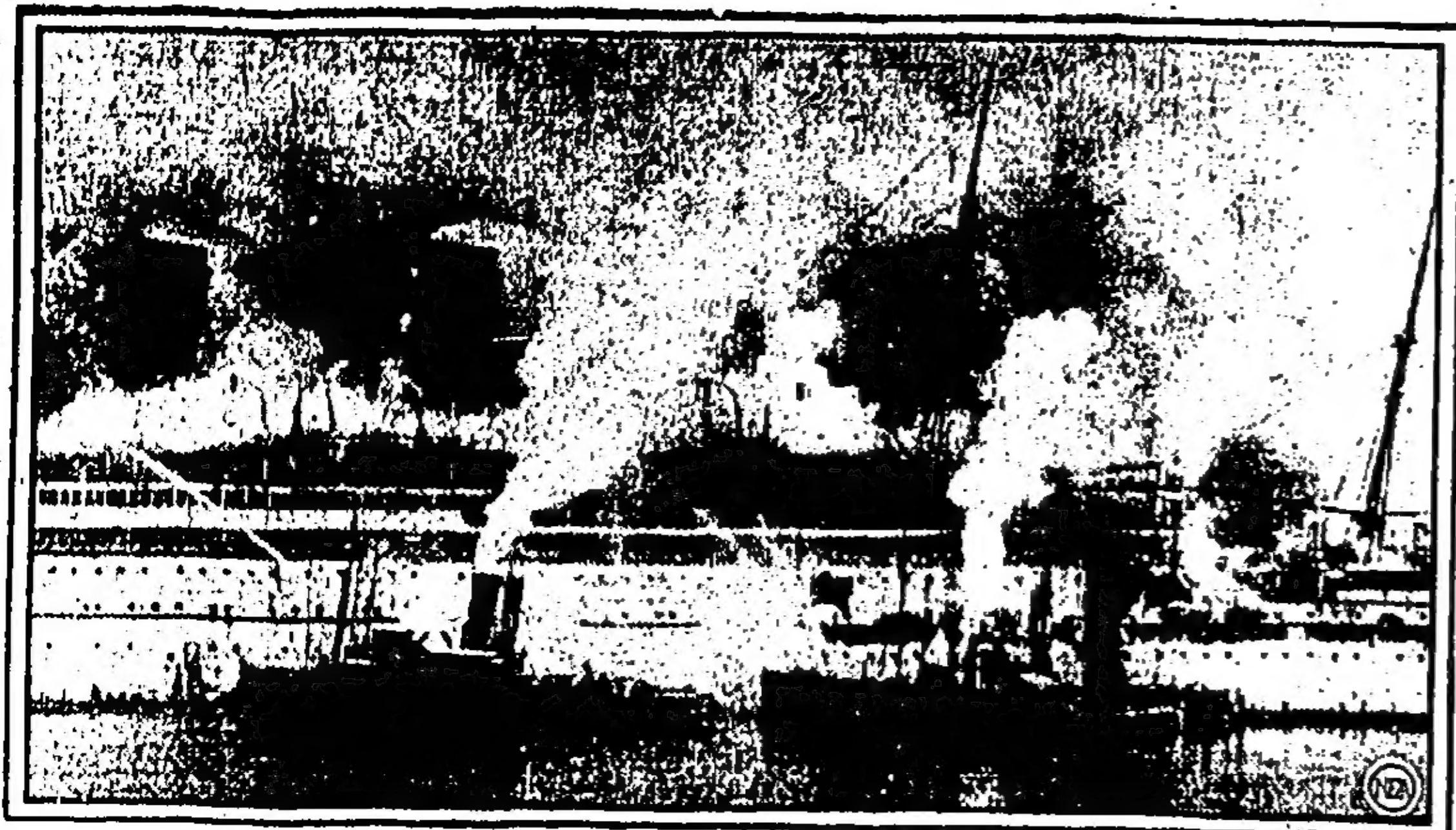
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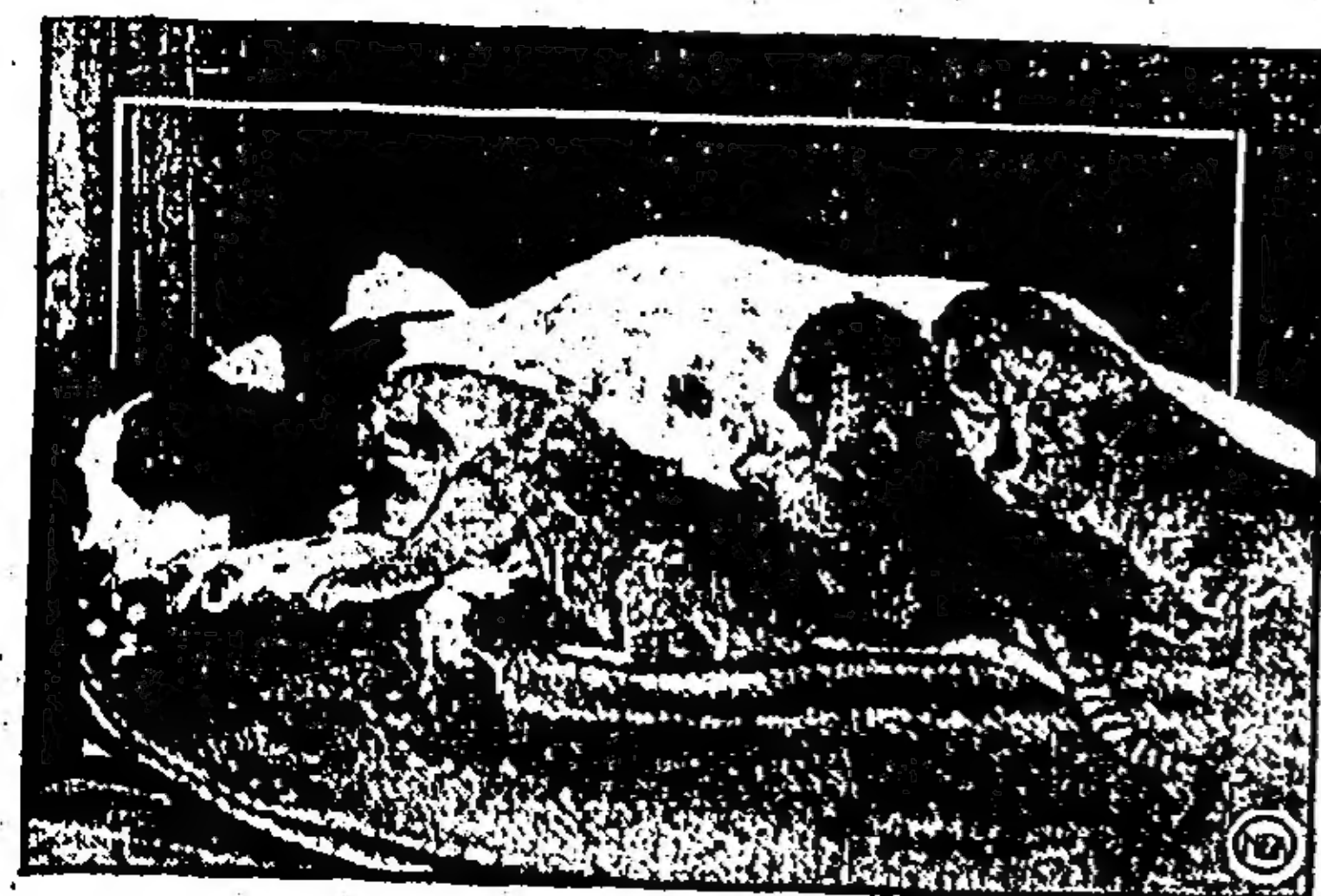
Our photo shows the Empress of Scotland ablaze in Blyth Harbour, Northumberland, where fire destroyed the vessel before ship-breakers could get hold of her. It was several days before the fire burned itself out.



Notre Dame's brilliant run of success is fully appreciated at Chicago as the above picture, on their return from the match with S. California, will show.



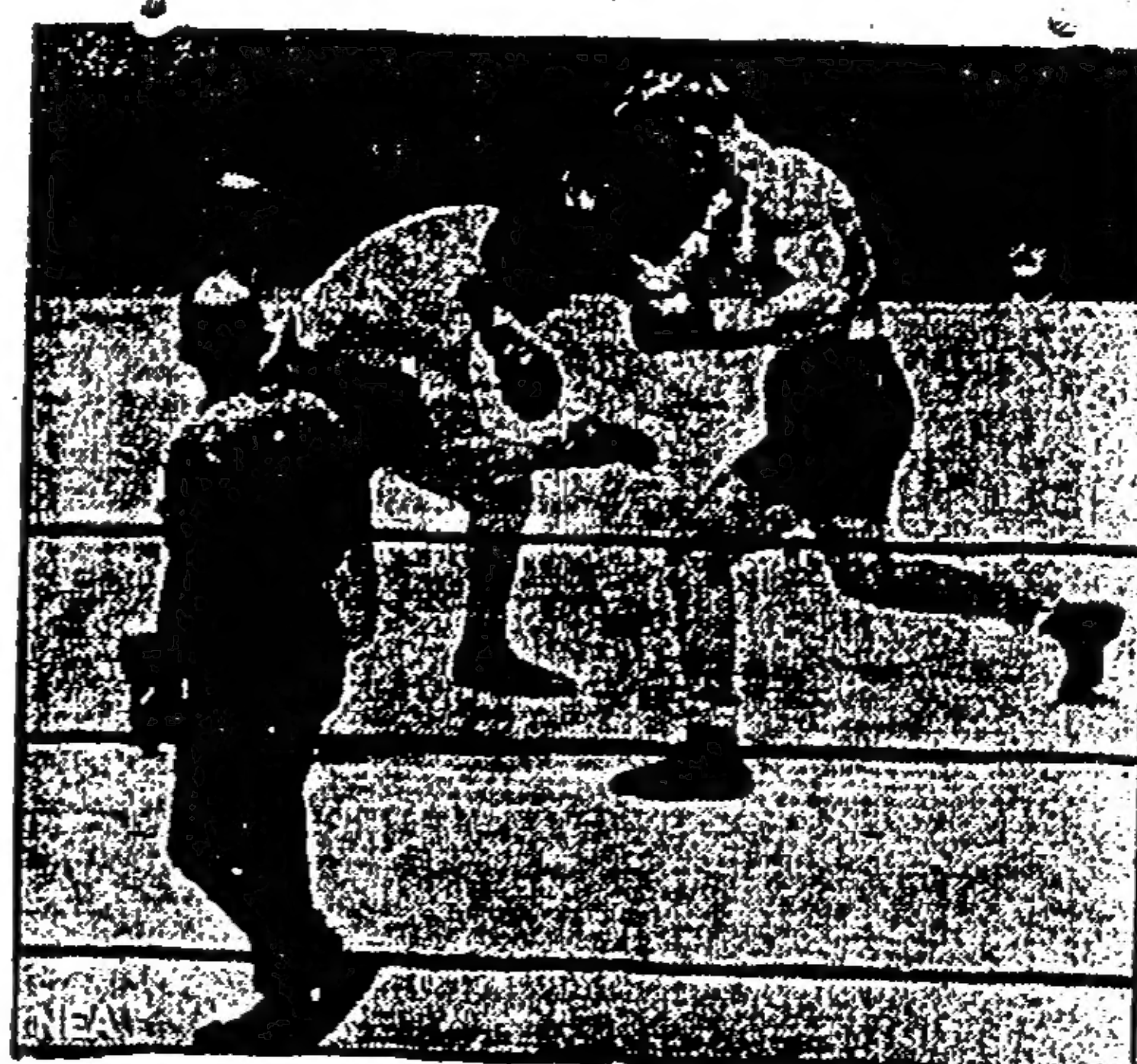
Queen Elizabeth of Belgium is shown above during a visit to the area effected by the recent "poison gas" which caused many deaths in the Meuse Valley.



A curious picture showing a setter dog mothering three orphan lion cubs, at Washington Zoo.



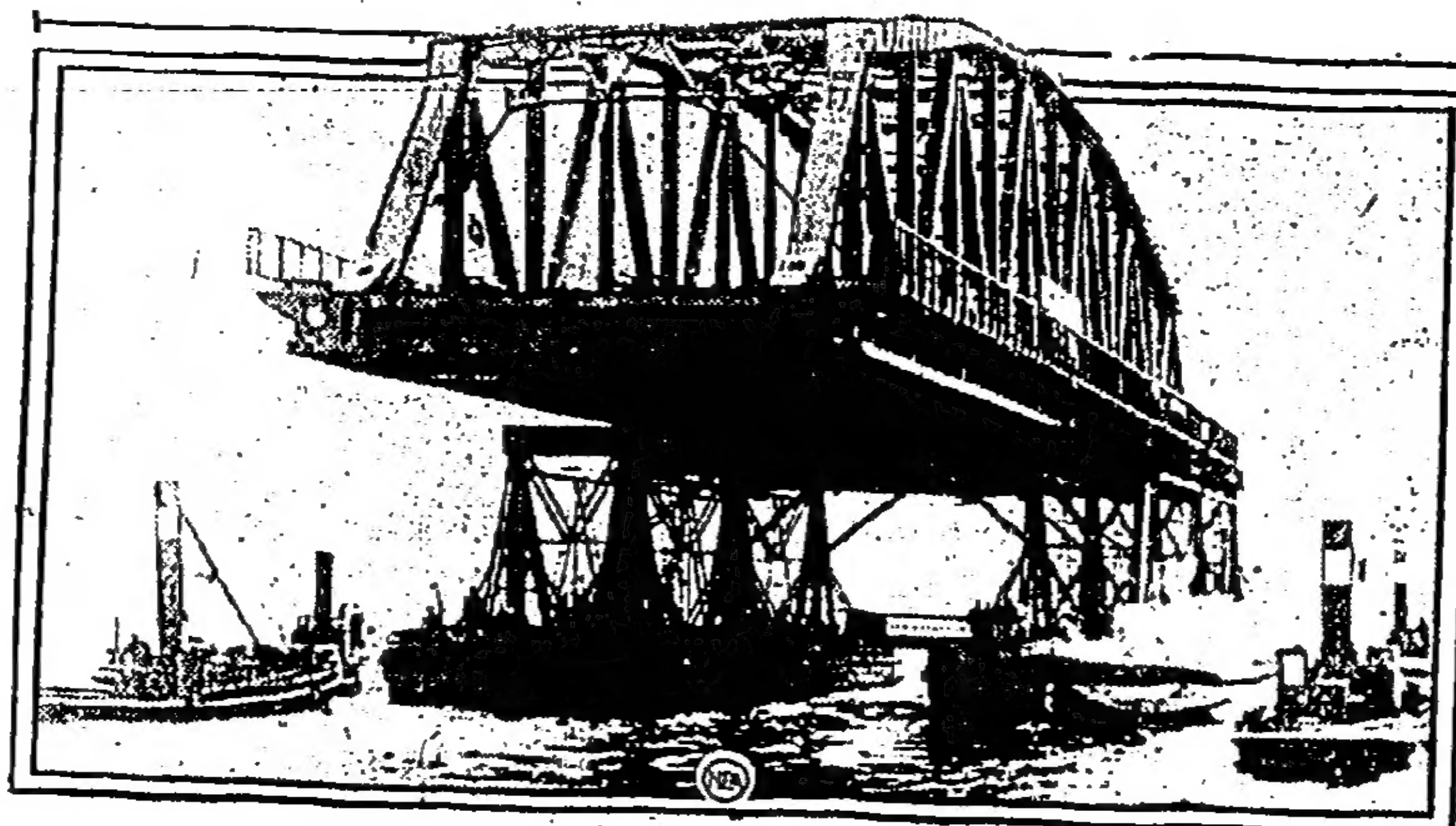
Mr. William Doak, America's new Secretary of Labour, caught by the camera at his Washington home, with Mrs. Doak.



Taken in the recent contest in which Max Baer lost to Schaefer, Baer is seen taking a left hook to the head.



Mr. Wellington Koo, who is again taking a leading part in politics.



A bridge putting to sea is a most unusual sight. The photo was taken in Holland and shows a giant steel structure being taken down river to be placed in position bodily.



The millionaire yacht 'Valiant' shown ablaze off Catalina Island recently. Twenty-seven persons aboard were injured by the explosion which caused the blaze.

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## G. R.

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(London 14th January)	Namsang	February 4.
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Australia and Manila	Riouw	February 4.
Straits and Manila	La Plata Maru	February 5.
Japan via Nagasaki (letters only)	Takada	February 6.
Europe via Nagasaki (letters only)	Kashima Maru	February 6.
London 8th January, 1931.	Antenor	February 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	February 7.
Straits only (London 1st Jan.) and	Pres. Fillmore	February 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and	Pres. McKinley	February 8.
Shanghai (Van B.C. 17th Jan.)	Pres. Jefferson	February 9.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	OUTWARD MAILS.	
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## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date and Time
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Melbourne Maru ..... Tues., Feb. 3.
	Parcels ..... 3 p.m.
	Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.
	Letters ..... 5 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane 17th Feb.)
San Shui and Wuchow	Kongso ..... Tues., Feb. 3, 4 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tekkam ..... Tues., Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutz ..... Tues., Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Asama Maru ..... Wed., Feb. 4.
	Registration ..... Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
	Letters ..... Feb. 4, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 25th February).
Straits	Philoctetes ..... Wed., Feb. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Foochow	Ninghai ..... Wed., Feb. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsinan ..... Wed., Feb. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Japan ..... Thurs., Feb. 5.
	Parcels ..... Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
	Registration ..... Feb. 5, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters ..... Feb. 5, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C. 20th February).
Holhow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Menado Maru Thurs., Feb. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Hydrangea ..... Thurs., Feb. 5, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Kidderpore ..... Thurs., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and South American Ports	Namsang ..... Thurs., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Bangkok	La Plata Maru Fri., Feb. 6, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chinhua ..... Fri., Feb. 6, 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe, via Marseilles	Nam Sang ..... Fri., Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
	Kashima Maru ..... Sat., Feb. 7.
	K. P. O.
	Registration ..... Feb. 6, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters ..... Feb. 7, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.
	Registration ..... Feb. 7, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters ..... Feb. 7, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 8th March.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang ..... Sat., Feb. 7, 1.00 p.m.
Manila	Emps. of Canada Sat., Feb. 7, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru ..... Sun., Feb. 8, 9 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco	Pres. McKinley ..... Mon., Feb. 9.
	Parcels ..... 5 p.m.
	Registration ..... 4.15 p.m.
	Letters ..... 5 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 4th March.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley ..... Mon., Feb. 9.
	Registration ..... 5 p.m.
	Letters ..... 6 p.m.

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## CINEMA NOTES.

GRETA GARBO HEROINE OF  
"ROMANCE".

Among the hundreds of reasons which have been advanced at one time or another to account for the phenomenal success of Greta Garbo, exclusive of her inimitable personality and beauty, is that of the Swedish star's versatility. Whereas other cinema personalities are content to shine within limited spheres by which they may be recognized as the flapper-type, the sophisticated-type, the romantic-type, etc., Miss Garbo refuses to be cast into a mould and has made it a point to insist on being given a totally different characterization with each succeeding picture.

From the Spanish portrayals of such early pictures as "The Torrent" and the "The Temptress" and the erotic flavour of "Love" and "Flesh and the Devil," Miss Garbo swung to the restrained but highly dramatic characterization of the maligned English heroine in "A Woman of Affairs." Followed the oriental atmosphere of "Wild Orchids," and then, in striking contrast, the American girl of "The Single Standard." The sophisticated woman of "The Kiss" was her next role, and close upon its heels came the totally unexpected characterization of "Anna Christie." As the latest indication of her amazing versatility comes the announcement that in "Romance," her second all-talking picture, which is showing at the Queen's Theatre, Miss Garbo will play the part of an Italian opera singer.

This is the same role played on the stage by Doris Keane in the well-known, Edward Sheldon drama which, following a successful season in New York, ran for three years at the Duke of York Theatre in London and was subsequently played in most of all the large countries throughout the world. The talking screen adaptation was made by Ross McWhorter and Edwin Justice Mayer, and Clarence Brown who directed Miss Garbo in "Flesh and the Devil," "A Woman of Affairs" and "Anna Christie" again handled the microphone.

"Men of the North" to Open at Queen's Theatre.  
"Men of the North," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's adventure romance of the North woods, is the attraction coming on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre, with Gilbert Roland and Barbara Leonard heading a large cast of well-known players.

Personally directed by Hal Roach, well known producer, discoverer of "Rex," the Wild Horse, "Our Gang" and other comedy hits, and creator of the Laurel-Hardy comedies, the new picture is based on a powerful dramatic plot by Willard Mack. Mack is best known for "Gang War," "The Common Sin" and "Kick In," all of which were Broadway hits. Richard Schuyler, scenarist of "Tell It to the Marines," adapted the story to the screen.

The play deals with the adventure of Louis the Fox, French Canadian trapper, wrongly suspected of theft and dogged through the snows by the Northwest Mounted sergeant, Mooney. His love for the Montreal heroine, and his adventures in the snow lands, the rescue of his pursuer at the risk of his own life and freedom, and other incidents abound in the vivid romance of the French Canadian wilds.

Roland, who plays the hero is famous for his role in "Camille" and other major hits of the screen, and Miss Leonard, for her work in "Ladies of the Night Club," "Son of the Gods" and others. The cast includes Robert Elliott, of "Protection" and "Lone Wolf's Daughter" fame, as Mooney, the police sergeant; George Davis, of "The White Girl," "Slapper," "Sally" and "Broadway" as the corporal; N. Quirana, James Cruze discoverer, "The Red Mark," as the half-breed, and Arnold Korff, famous European actor and director, as the heroine's father. Others in the cast are Robert Graves, Jr., Frank Lackner, Fletcher Norton, Katherine Winner, Siegfried Schmidt and John Stepping.

Gorgeous settings in the snows of the high Sierras form a new ground for the new picture, and the story of doctored races and kidnapping are among the colourful details. The dramatic highlights include the rescue by Louis of the wounded officer, knowing that the act means his arrest; the avalanche that covers the heroine, her rescue from the icy tomb by Louis; the dramatic encounter of hunter and hunted in the snowbound cabin, and the thrilling dog team dash through the blizzard in the wolf country.

The picture is the first talkie to be released all over the world at the same time, as it was made with different casts, in French, German, Spanish and Italian at the time the English production was filmed, in a new method of production that proved revolutionary in the screen industry.

## WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



[By Joan Savoy.]

Pyjamas are the thing to wear this winter when you give a ten party for your friends.

They should be simply made, in the soft dressmaker tailored mode, to be chic for this time of day. Sumptuous material, of course, is in order, but there should be restraint in the making.

Velvet is one of the favourite media for pyjama suits. The very newest ones are made in simple

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Nothing could be more charming or flattering than a two-colour velvet suit—gleaming black velvet made with that soft tannish rose tone of velvet that is much easier to wear than pinky pink and looks so much more expensive.

This suit has a deep cowl neckline, with a scarf of the pink that throws over one shoulder and

extends to hipline on the other, edged in black as are the rather restrained flowing sleeves.

The pink bodice blouses slightly and fits down over the hips, being applied onto the black trousers to keep that fitted look every one wants this season. Two little buttons, one cut jet and the other sparkling crystal, ornament the front of the blouse just at waistline, where a belt buckle would be. The flowing trousers are floor length.

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A waste basket is a necessity in every room. Yet often the wicker variety would be incongruous, and altogether impossible. Then why not give your room something new and smart, yet inexpensively made at home?

For the dining-room all you need is a biscuit tin painted to match its surroundings, and with a tasselled hanging from two sides. Picture a jade green, enamelled box lined and tasselled with silver. Add a cut-out border of flowers and butterflies with perhaps a sundial and crinolined lady, or a dove and doves here and there. Would not such a tidy be perfect in a grey room?

Then the library or living-room needs nothing more than a round hatbox cut to the required size. Cover with an old map or piece of period linen, and finish with passe-partout to taste. For the bedroom choose a cheerful chintz and retain the lid, cutting a round hole in it, and edging with ribbon or paint.

Beside your desk have a small round basket of grey or natural hessian, simply and speedily raffia-trimmed in bright colours. Again for your "bedroom bits" make it almost closed on top and choose as vivid colours as you like.

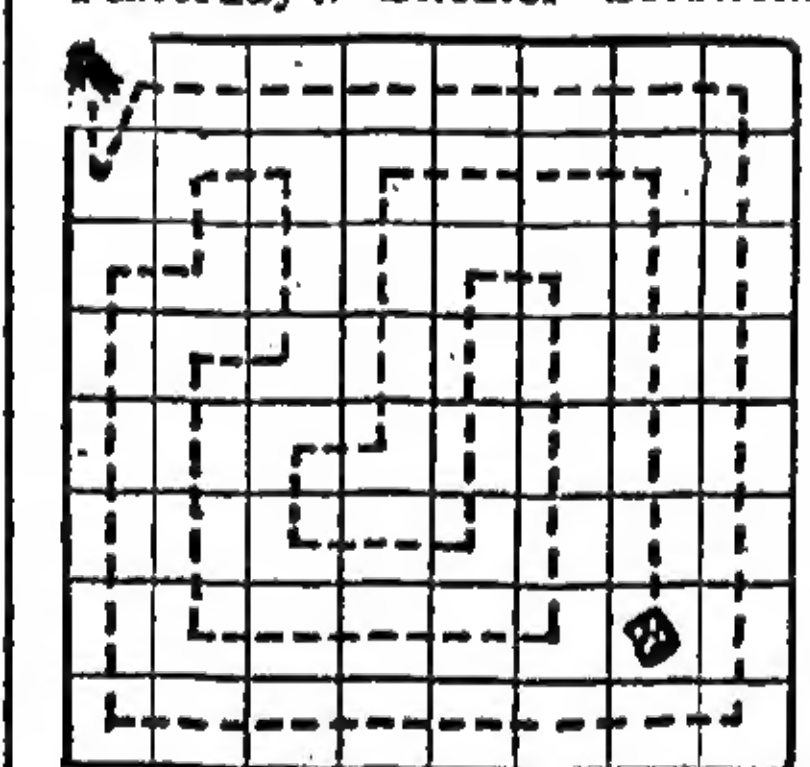
An accommodating waste-basket for any room is made from a tea-chest, ten-pound size for preference. Enamel black or a bright shade. While still wet, blow on a little dry gold or silver dust. If you take a pinch at a time on the edge of a knife and blow very gently and evenly, the result resembles oriental lacquer. With a little practice, you can arrange ridges here and there with charming effect. Now add clusters of flowers or fruit, made in glittervax, or simply gum—a Chinese picture or motif in one corner.

If you decide to attempt free-hand painting in the metal paint, do not be too careful, as the irregular effect is striking and more effective than a careful effort. Choose bold effects, and if you decide to retain the lid have a fantastic knob on top, or a long tasselled repeating the lines of the design. Mount the box on tiny claw feet, and you will find it more than useful, if not as a waste-basket proper, as a hiding-place for books, work, or bridge-sets.

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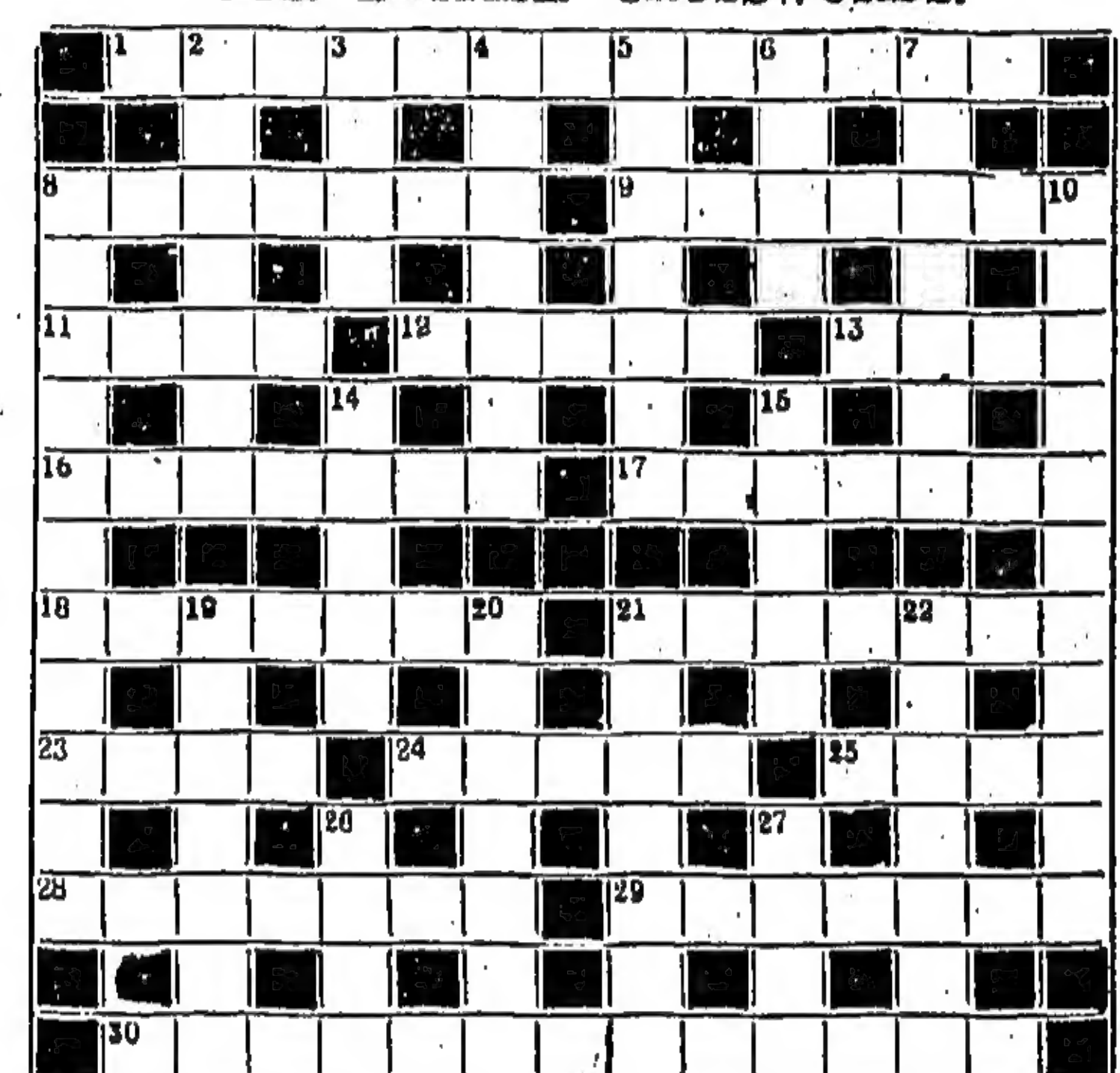
The above diagram shows how the mouse reached the cheese, by going from his position, at the entrance of two cells, in twenty-two straight paths, leading through every cell once and once only.

## STICKLERS



A COWBOY rode 32 miles on horseback. A certain number... of miles was down hill. Twice as far, plus 8 miles, was level and the distance up hill was one-half as far as the distance on the level. How many miles did he travel on each stretch?

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



## Across

- 1 He pursues his calling in Lancashire, probably (hyphenated word).
- 8 A novel by Disraeli.
- 9 This chap was after a job in "Pickwick Papers."
- 11 Modify.
- 12 This Continental city is associated with an apple.
- 13 After fifty-one a politician will walk lamely.
- 16 Where two blacks make a white.
- 17 Flow gently.
- 18 This cutter is more simple.
- 21 French land measure.
- 23 Behold a Russian river for this girl.
- 24 Waste meat.
- 25 There is no need to be dumb entirely (hidden).
- 28 Reg.
- 29 Turned out.
- 30 Don't grumble—this entirely lacks blame.

## Down

- 2 What children do where clothes and shoes are concerned.
- 3 Without the headgear this could not be that.
- 4 To do this without readers, or 21 down would be a waste of time.
- 5 An Irishman up against a row truly loves his fatherland.
- 6 One of the newer atmospheric gases.
- 7 This shepherd was better known as a poet.

8 A famous African explorer of the Nineteenth Century.

10 "Reed present" given again! (anag.)

14 "Here's to the maid... that's as brown as a—" (The School for Scandal)

15 An old Roman roundabout.

19 Of the nature of a vegetable.

30 Refutation.

22 They compose an audience.

23 This Sicilian was such a powerful archer that his arrow caught fire by the speed of its flight.

26 Reverse the award and see what you think.

27 This fellow sounds rather fishy, but I expect he's quite all right.

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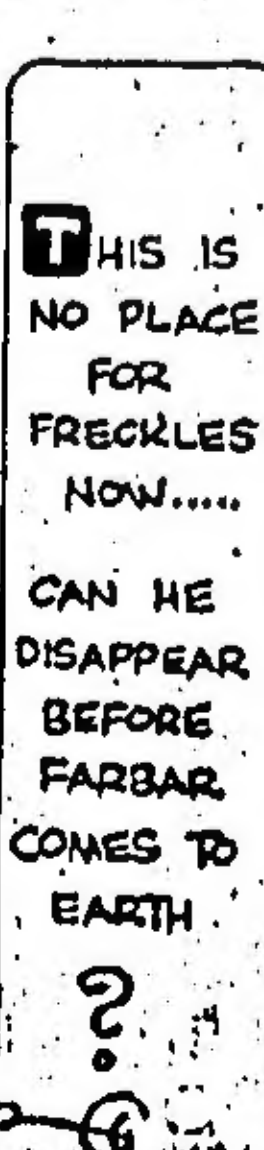
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TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 1931.

### A WELCOME DECISION.

For all too long has Hongkong tolerated the treatment of small-pox cases in homes, provided there is notification to the Medical Officer of Health, that all the inmates are vaccinated, and that a notice is posted on the door of the house where a patient is being treated. This amazing concession to the Chinese was made as long ago as 1918, and, in spite of facts showing that it involves a serious danger to the whole community, it has remained in force ever since. It is cause for thankfulness, however, that at long last the Government intends repealing this privilege, a motion to this effect being due to come before the Sanitary Board at this afternoon's meeting. A year ago, when the question was last before the Board, we expressed the view that it was little short of scandalous that home-treatment should be permitted in overcrowded tenement houses, and at the same time we urged the withdrawal of the concession. Happily, we have not since been visited by a serious outbreak of the disease, but that is more by good fortune than otherwise. In any event, it is high time that the authorities took the line of action to which we are glad to see they are now committed.

One of the arguments which Chinese members of the Sanitary Board have put forward in times past is that to demand removal of patients to hospital is to encourage failure to notify. Against this submission, however, we have had it conceded that, even with home treatment permitted, the concealment of cases and the dumping of bodies continues amongst the poorer classes. It was in the hope that the Chinese would promptly notify cases if they were allowed to have them treated at home that the 1918 concession was made, but it has been shown in practice that this hope has not been realised. Apart, however, from that aspect of the question, we cannot conceive how the Colony's medical authorities ever agreed to bargain with the Chinese community on such a vital matter as this. Some two years ago, Dr. Koch put forward a number of searching questions on this subject at a meeting of the Sanitary Board, in reply to which it was frankly admitted by the Government that "efficient and proper isolation in tenement houses is quite impossible." It was, moreover, added that any persons

remaining in their homes while suffering from small-pox represented a grave danger to the contacts, direct and indirect, who had not rendered themselves immune by vaccination. Another statement made was that even the nursing sisters at the small-pox hospital were not permitted to mix with the community, so as to avoid the risk of their carrying infection from their patients. Yet, in spite of these admissions, the Government has continued to allow Chinese patients to be treated in their own homes. A more astounding situation can hardly be imagined. Even nursing sisters, with all the means of immunization which they have at their disposal, are not allowed to leave the hospital, but Chinese from the filthiest hovels in the most overcrowded parts of the city, in which small-pox patients may be lying, can come and go as they please.

What is equally surprising is that leaders of the Chinese community who in other respects are most progressive in their outlook should, as they often have done, plead not only for the retention of the existing practice, but even request further concessions, such as the waiving of disinfection. Pleas of this nature are usually made on the ground that there is much ignorance amongst the poorer classes concerning the effects of disinfection on clothing and in regard to hospital treatment of infectious disease. The right way of dissipating this ignorance, however, is not by compromising and thus encouraging these views, but, by education. Inconvenience is also sometimes cited as a reason for giving way to the susceptibilities of the poorer classes, but, as we have before had occasion to observe, no such argument is listened to when it comes to refuse removal or periodic house-cleaning. There was a time when the Chinese resented these latter measures, but, happily, experience has shown that results of the utmost benefit to the community have followed these very necessary regulations. One good sign in recent years is that the value of vaccination is becoming increasingly realised by the Chinese. It is, indeed, along these lines that the small-pox evil should be tackled, prevention being infinitely better than cure. Free inoculation is now provided by the Government, so that, with strict enforcement of the notification regulations and the abolition of home treatment, we may expect the Colony to master a scourge which has in days gone by taken a heavy toll of life in this Colony.

### Serious Death Duty Anomalies.

Faced with the problem of finding new sources of revenue as an alternative to risking a \$5,000,000 budget deficit, more or less, the Government has turned its attention to Death Duties. It is an obvious choice. Little glee is likely to be evoked by any new taxation, it is true, but this is a form which we imagine will encounter the least opposition. The old rates were, in fact, remarkably low. The new schedule, representing fairly substantial increases, remains, up to a point, moderate. We certainly cannot admit, however, that the subject is one lacking importance. While we agree that increases may be justified, a comparison of the schedule with the duties enforced in Great Britain reveals patent anomalies, and if the Unofficial Members of the Council fulfil their function as representatives of public interests, the Government will be required to answer a charge of proceeding on wrong principles. The people who can well afford to contribute of their wealth to the Treasury are allowed to escape comparatively lightly, while the Government still demands its \$50 from the beneficiaries of a \$501 estate. Even in Britain, the most heavily taxed country in the world, the Government does not expect revenue from an estate which does not exceed \$100 (\$1,000 in normal times and \$2,000 at the present time) in value. Surely this disparity can be wiped out without severe loss to the Treasury, though it is by no means the worst. It would be

## DAY BY DAY

A WRITER GETS IN THE LONG RUN JUST THE READERS HE DESERVES.—Hester Brayne.

The Bishop of Victoria is to present the prizes at St. Paul's College on Saturday at 7.30 p.m.

The Bellilos Old Girls' Association is holding an "At Home" in the Bellilos School Hall on Sunday at 4 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor will distribute the prizes at Queen's College on Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

The total rainfall for the month of January was 33 inch. There were six wet days during the month, the largest amount of precipitation being on the 26th with 16 inch rainfall.

A police report issued from headquarters this morning stated that a small girl was knocked down and fatally injured by an Aberdeen motor bus near Western Street yesterday. She had run across the road in front of the approaching vehicle.

"Yes, I was hungry," pleaded a Chinese who was charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having stolen thirty cakes from a hawkers' stall. It appears that while the hawkers was away in an adjoining tea shop, the defendant took the cakes and bolted. Sentence of three weeks' imprisonment was imposed.

Appearing before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of being in possession of two sticks of dynamite, a boatman was fined \$100. It was stated by Sergeant Cunningham, officer in charge of the Aberdeen Police Station, that the defendant had thrown 22 sticks into the sea on the approach of the police, while another man on board had jumped into the water and escaped.

more interesting to obtain the Government's justification of a scale which demands of the smaller estates, those up to \$25,000, a percentage as high as that obtaining in Great Britain, demands of estates between \$25,000 and \$50,000 a duty 33 per cent, in excess of that ruling in Great Britain, and then, and this is the point of our comment, allows an estate in excess of \$1,000,000 to escape with 11 per cent, as against 20, and in excess one of \$2,000,000 with 12 per cent, as against 25. Our comparisons are based on a 2/- dollar as we have presumed the Government to be legislating for normal as well as existing conditions. The anomalies become even more strongly emphasised if calculated on a 1/- dollar. If the Government is in a position to explain why small estates, which should be protected, are to be mulcted on a high scale and the largest estates on a low, the public is entitled to have such an explanation. At present, it looks very much like a case of discriminatory legislation which has been overlooked in the past.

## MAURICE CHEVALIER on

### ENGLISHMEN FRIENDS.

FATE seems to have brought me in touch with English people at almost every stage of my career, and among them I have found many good friends. You know, it was a kind fate that first brought me to London to study the theatre. It was lucky, too, that I was wounded and captured early in the war, because that gave me the opportunity of beginning to learn English while I was still quite young.

Two Englishmen I met in Paris theatrical circles in the early days also helped when I was only beginning to make my name on the stage. One of them, Mr. T. Elder, I have known since my boyhood and he was with me in Paris now. Perhaps we shall make a world tour together in the near future.

When I got my first decent engagement at the Folies Bergere, "Tom" Hearn—as I have always known him—was also appearing in his already well-known act, "The Lazy Juggler," and we soon became pals. But he could not stay in Paris for ever. He had to fulfil a long programme of engagements elsewhere.

All the same, that comradeship did not end at the Folies. No matter where we found ourselves, we would keep in touch. Even during the war, when I was a prisoner, we kept up our correspondence as best we could. Presently, Tom went back to England and became a revue proprietor, and very often used to send me sketches which he thought I could adapt and use.

### A Boxing Sketch.

Like so many other people at that time, I was an admirer of the great comedian Harry Weldon. Thousands of Englishmen must remember his very droll boxing sketch. Well, Tom Hearn obtained permission for me to use that sketch in Paris and I need not say it was a great success.

During the time that I was a red-nose comedian I did not have to dance at all, as you can understand. But, after I had changed my style of performance and taken to wearing my straw hat, things were different. When I was called upon to take increasingly large parts in the Paris revues, I made up my mind to learn dancing properly.

Once more I found a true English friend. For years Paris audiences have admired the wonderful dancing of many different troupes of English girls. In fact, their unique skill has often formed one of the principal attractions in many of the big revues. Hundreds of those girls owe their skill to the training of Mr. J. W. Jackson, the Englishman who first taught me to dance. Now that I am making films, it is interesting to think that once Charlie Chaplin also was one of J. W. Jackson's boys.

As pupils, I hope we have not let him down at all!

### In Germany.

I know an English expression which says: "It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good." For me that is very true. At first, I thought I was unlucky in being wounded and captured so early in the war. I was not really, though. In the prison camp at Alten-Grabow were English, Russians,

and French, and it was through going there that I learned English, which has surely been of great use to me. One of the early English prisoners to arrive at Alten-Grabow was my good friend Ronald Kennedy, a Durham schoolmaster, who fought in the Durham Light Infantry.

We soon became firm friends in distress, and to pass away the time it was agreed that Ronald Kennedy should teach me English and that I should teach him French in return. So we formed a little class and in learning tried to forget the unpleasant side of our lives. I may say also that we used to organise concert parties—but they were not quite as gay as the Folies Bergere!

### Learning English.

Well, I was a comedian and my friend a schoolmaster, so it is not terribly difficult to imagine what happened in our "class." Ronald Kennedy taught me English very well indeed; but as for me teaching him French—I am sorry to say he got the worst of the bargain. Nevertheless we are still very good friends.

Neither of us will ever forget those language lessons in that strange school, or the friendship we formed in our exile. Eventually we both got back safely to our own countries. We have met many times since, and, I hope, will meet many times in the future.

Ten years ago I made my first professional visit to England. It was Sir Alfred Butt who was responsible for introducing me to a London audience, when he brought me over to play in "Hullo! America."

Although I was used to coming to London quite alone, I had few friends there then, so at first I was lonely. At the theatre I was quite happy. I liked the show and my part in it, and everyone was so kind to me that I could not be otherwise. Yet London seems a very big place to a stranger.

Fortunately, as the time passed I began to meet some charming English actors and became friends with a number of them. All at once London changed; it was a very much happier place for me and I was glad to be there.

I was so happy in the company of my new friends that when the time came for me to return to Paris I felt lonely at the thought of leaving my new-found companions, because, you see, making and keeping friends is a habit of mine.

## Women Can't Be Idle.

By JOHN HEYGATE.

NEVER since they called themselves suffragettes, have women enjoyed a moment's true idleness.

No womanly woman can rest while a single task remains undone; though, paradoxically enough, at the back of her mind is a vision of a great leisure awaiting her, when everything is finished. And so the pursuit of leisure continues endlessly, until occupation becomes an end in itself, and the gift of an idle moment appears a domestic disaster of the first importance.

How many times have you seen a woman throw herself down in a chair, sigh, close her eyes . . . and in five seconds jump up again, exclaiming, "I've forgotten to give the cat its milk," or "I wonder if I left the bathroom window open." While her eyes were shut she was hard at work wondering why she was not busy, and in five seconds she had discovered some excellent reasons.

Idleness in the sense of temporary abstraction has become a masculine prerogative. The old gentlemen—and they are not always so very old—who sit in the club windows of St. James's, causing modest spinsters to lower their eyes as they hurry past, have no thoughts of spinsterdom in their heads. They have no thoughts at all. They have learnt the gift of mental detachment.

They can sit idle for hours on end. A newspaper will rise and fall on their faces with the regularity of their breathing. The length and peacefulness of the members' lives are tributes to their genius for applied idleness.

Why is it that the average woman is mentally and physically exhausted by nine o'clock in the evening, or if she goes out to dine or dance must stay in bed till lunch-time next day? Why is it that she welcomes the annual holiday even more eagerly than her labouring husband?

The reason why you see more young men of sixty than young women of sixty is that young women



"Don't think I'm kiddin' myself. She wouldn't give me a second thought if I couldn't give her autographed pictures of these movie shelds."

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## RECENT WANCHAI FRACAS.

INDIAN VICTIM MAY DIE FROM STAB WOUNDS.

## TWO MEN CHARGED.

The recent fracas in Wanchai between two Indian motor-drivers and four other Indians, had a sequel before Mr. Lindell, at the Central Police Court this morning, when Sohbat Khan and Abdul Khannan were brought before the Magistrate on charges of wounding and causing grievous bodily harm to the other four men, who are still detained in hospital as a result of the fight.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared on behalf of the two defendants.

Detective Sub-Inspector M. Murphy told his Worship that four of the men, now the complainants, were still in hospital, certificates to this effect being produced. It appeared that the complainants went to the residence of the two defendants and called the first down into the street. It was alleged that the first defendant, who was later joined by the second, stabbed the complainants. There had apparently been some trouble between the two parties, all of whom lived together some time ago. The complainants, however, would not admit that they had gone to the defendants' house. They claimed that they were passing along the street when the trouble occurred.

His Worship pointed out to Mr. Rendall that according to the medical certificate, two of the men were suffering from stab wounds in the stomach and would not be fit for discharge for another three weeks, while the third also had a stab wound in the stomach but would probably be discharged from hospital one week earlier, the fourth requiring but one week for treatment of scalp wounds. It would be necessary, therefore, to adjourn the case formally for one week, pending the discharge of the four men.

In reply to his Worship, Detective Sub-Inspector Murphy said that there was a possibility of one of the men dying.

Mr. Rendall intimated that he would make an application for bail if the man who might die got out of danger.

The defendants were remanded for one week, bail being refused.

## WOMEN CAN'T BE IDLE.

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men of fifty is not hard to discover. Men have a genius for detachment. They can work when they want, and not work when they know they ought to. They can conveniently appear absent-minded to the intruder when absorbed in some problem of concentration.

They can even, and frequently do make themselves out to be perfect fools, when occasion demands; but they never make the mistake of wanting their wits. X. knows well that that letter to Uncle Fred should be written, his accounts balanced, the winter coal ordered, and a dozen other matters attended to. Thrusting accounts, coal and uncle firmly behind him, he reaches for his golf clubs and sets out for a carefree, carefree afternoon.

"I'll join you at the tenth, when I've seen to a few things," says Mrs. X.; but at bedtime she is still at home, hunched beneath a load of trifles, lightened only by the loss of her temper.

American business magnates who have visited this country of late have commented favourably on our so-called slipshod office methods—two hours for lunch, golf on Saturdays, Stock Exchange holidays and the like. Americans, with all their breathless high-speed efficiency, are a little like our women. But they have come to recognize, unlike our women, that a little idleness pays; that a reasonable detachment from work strengthens and refreshes the brain tissues.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.92½	123.88½
Geneva	26.11½	26.13½
Berlin	20.43½	20.43
Oslo	18.16½	18.16
Helsingfors	19.2½	19.2½
Athens	37½	37½
Buenos Aires	34½	34½
Shanghai	1/34	1/34
New York	4.86 10/32	4.85 10/32
Amsterdam	18.14	18.13½
Stockholm	34.53½	34.53½
Vienna	47.90	47.76
Madrid	817	817
Bucharest	34½	34½
Montevideo	11½	11½
Hongkong	22.83½	22.83½
Yokohama	92.76½	92.76½
Copenhagen	18.10	18.10
Prague	104½	104½
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	4½	4½
Bombay	1/5½	1/5½
Yokohama	22.07 1/16	22.07 1/16
Silver (spot)	15.0/10	15.0/10
„ (forward)	15½	15½

—British Wireless.

## COLONEL'S SUDDEN DEATH.

COLLAPSES DURING CHAT AFTER BATHE.

## TRAGEDY IN F.M.S.

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 26. Kuala Lumpur has been shocked by the tragically sudden death while in apparently normal health of Lieut.-Col. R. R. Taylor, Commandant of the F.M.S. Volunteer Forces.

Col. Taylor bathed in the swimming pool at the Lake Club yesterday morning and afterwards was sitting on the edge of the pool chatting to Mrs. C. F. Constant when suddenly he groaned and fell back dead.

Medical aid was immediately summoned but was useless. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Lieut.-Col. Taylor took over the command of the F.M.S.V.R. from Lieut.-Col. Meredith in June, 1929, and by his energy, organising ability and keenness had done a great deal for the volunteer movement in the F.M.S. and won a strong liking and respect from the volunteers under his command. He is survived by a widow and two children who went home last September.

Lieut.-Col. Taylor was formerly in the King's Own Scottish Borderers and before and during the War served under the Colonial Office with the West African Frontier Force. During operations in the German Cameroons he was taken prisoner and held in captivity for nearly two years. He was released when the German resistance in the Cameroons was quelled. For subsequent service in German East Africa he was mentioned in dispatches.

## LOCAL RADIO.

## KO SHING THEATRE RELAY.

To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5.00-5.30 p.m. European Programme of Columbia records kindly loaned by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

5.30-5.40 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral.

Rehearsal.

The Jolly Old Fellows. 113.

Monologue—Our Lizzie Goes Shipping. Helena Millais. 9201.

Chorus—After The Ball is Over. Chorus—Two Little Girls in Blue. Gerald Adams and The Variety Singers. 67.

Humorous Duet—Quarter Day. Charles Penrose and Billy Whitlock. 9291.

Song—A Little Bungalow. Song—Jogging Along Behind The Old Grey Mare. Bobby Grey and Whispering Chorus. 9113.

Chorus—Daisy Bell. Chorus—Break The News To Mother. Gerald Adams and The Variety Singers. 143.

Descriptive Sketch—Chasey's Band.

Rehearsal.

Michael Casey and Co. 8318.

5.40-6.40 p.m. Orchestral.

Orpheus In The Underworld. Overture (Offenbach).

Lucerne Karsnal Orch. 9646.

Arabian Night (Arban).

Madrid Symphony Orch. 9583.

Summer Days Suite—In A Country Lane—On The Edge of A Lake. New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9370.

Wood Nymphs (Eric Coates). New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9370.

Semiramide (Rossini). Milan Symphony Orchestra. 9663.

5.50-7.00 p.m. Operatic.

Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni). Milan Symphony Orchestra. 9664.

The Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini).

B. B. C. Wireless Symphony. Orch. 9166.

Carmen—Flower Song (Bizet). Arthur Jordan (Tenor). 9204.

7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations.

7.05-8.00 p.m. Concert Items.

Song—Pax (Weatherly and Tosti). Doris Vane (Soprano). 9283.

Song—O Lovely Night (Teschemacher and London Ronald).

Doris Vane (Soprano). 9283.

Viola Solo—Suite Populaire Espagnole (de Falla arr. Kochansky). Irene Benedetti. 9584.

Song—I Hear You Calling Me (Harford and Marshall). Richard Neller (Tenor). 9231.

Duet—Come, Silver Moon (Dowdon arr. Besly). Doris Labette and Hubert Eisdell. 9612.

Quartet—Quartet In A Major (Beethoven).

The Cathedral Quartet. 9141.

Song—My Ain Wee Hoose (Wilson and Munro).

Song—Hame O' Mine (Murdock). Nina Rae (Contralto). 7674.

Duet—Donny Brook Fair. Talbot O'Farrell & Charles Penrose. 8408.

Song—In Deepest Cellar (Fischer). Song—Armourer's Song from Robin Hood (Koven). Wilfred Glenn (Bass). 9240.

Orchestral—Four Indian Love Lyrics (Amy Woodford-Flinden). 597.

8.00-11.30 p.m. Ko Shing Theatre Relay.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

Close Down.

A whist drive is being held at the Kowloon branch of the Helena May Institute this evening, commencing at 8.45 p.m. Admission tickets \$1 each including refreshments can be obtained at the door.

## ATHEIST WORK IN GERMANY.

COMMUNISM AS THE DRIVING FORCE.

## SCHOOL PROPAGANDA.

The proposed establishment of the Atheist International in Berlin, reported some days ago, would mark the beginning of Communist atheist propaganda in Germany, but rather show that it has already achieved considerable success.

There are already about 120,000 members of the Proletarian Freethinkers' Union, which corresponds roughly to the Union of the Godless in the Soviet Union. To the efforts of these unions at least half the 37,000 resignations from church membership between November, 1929, and May, 1930, are attributed. Since German churches largely submit on a tax collected for them by the State from their registered members, this act is one of much greater formal importance than would be the case in England.

The International of Freethinkers held a conference at Tetschen, in Northern Bohemia, in November, at which the majority of delegates followed Communist leadership and the organization broke into two halves.

## Copying Soviet Model.

The Communist cultural organizations, of which the most important is the Ifta (Association for Workers' Culture), have united with German Communist freethinking organizations for anti-religious propaganda. At a Berlin congress in November it was resolved "to carry out independent political cultural work on a mass scale in close connexion with the political and economic issues of the day."

As an instance of what this means, the *Vossische Zeitung* recalls a procession of 150 unemployed which appeared before the Neukölln town hall last spring in order to register officially their resignations from the church.

The various organizations have a programme of work similar to that of the Godless in Russia. They hope to secure one hundred thousand resignations from the church by April, 1931, and to win 50,000 of these for the Proletarian Freethinkers' Union.

Special attention is concentrated on atheist missions among women and children. New periodicals are to be issued for this purpose, and—interesting evidence of the importance the Komintern attributes to the religious question—Communist publishing activities in Germany will concentrate on atheist propaganda during the next few months.

The Ifta's work in schools is to be expanded. The official establishment of parents' committees in connexion with Prussian schools makes it easier to bring together Communist school teachers, parents, and children who have been brought up as Communist Atheists.

Reliable members of the Communist Party are asked to send their children to denominational schools so as to start propagandist work among children from Christian homes and form Atheist cells.

## SUGAR MARKET.

## THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Penreath and Co.

## London Terminals.

March 5/83½ up 3½d.  
May 6/—½ up 1½d.  
August 6/33½ up 3½d.  
December 6/7½ up 3½d.  
Buyers at the above prices; sellers ½d. more.

## New York Terminals.

March 1.25 down 2 pts.  
May 1.32 down 2 pts.  
July 1.40 down 1 pt.  
September 1.47 down 2 pts.  
December 1.55 down 2 pts.

San Domingo 96½.—C.I.F. U.K. Refiners have bought one curro, February shipment 6/—.

Samarung (72/11).—There is an unsettled feeling in the market owing to sale of Russian crystals to India.

Trust have made further small sales: White 18.25, Browns 17.25.

## AUSTRALIAN BASIC WAGE.

Canberra, Feb. 2. The Cabinet has decided to ask the Arbitration Court to reconsider its decision to reduce the basic wage rates by ten per cent, as announced on January 22.—*Reuter*.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. John Barnes, No. 10, Causeway Hill, York, Hongkong, to Miss Gertrude Lavina Rowbottom, No. 99, Oldham Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, England.

## MYSTERY DYNASTY OF UR.

DISCOVERY OF THE TOMBS OF KINGS.

## STRANGE RELICS.

Light on one of the most baffling mysteries of human development will be shed, it is hoped, by the discovery of the tombs of the most important kings of Ur, in Mesopotamia.

This discovery has been made by the joint expedition of the British Museum and the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Mr. C. L. Woolley. The tombs of the Third Dynasty are the largest which have yet been found in Mesopotamia, and their date is about 2400-2300 B.C. Ur-Nammu, the first King of this dynasty, built the Ziggurat, the great temple which sought, like the Tower of Babel, to reach upwards to the Heavens.

"The importance of the discovery," Sir Frederic Kenyon, late Director of the British Museum, says "is enhanced by the fact that no literary texts of the dynasty survive, and that what we know of their history has to be pieced together from the ruins of the buildings."

"From the chambers which have been explored passages lead down to other and deeper chambers which it is hoped will prove to be unroofed, and to contain material of the greatest value illustrating the history and origin of the dynasty."

"Ur-Nammu, Dungi, and Bur-Sin are the names of the Kings. Last season a wall was discovered with bricks bearing the name of Bur-Sin, and it was from this point that the present investigations were started. The wall proved to be an annex built by Bur-Sin to a much larger temple erected by his father, Dungi."

"Below the floors of both structures are tombs, large and lofty chambers with corbel vaultings. It is in the exploration of Dungi's tomb that the greatest hopes are entertained, but further work will be held up until the passages leading out of it have been securely shored up."

## The Royal House.

The royal house founded by Ur-Nammu is the "mystery dynasty" of Ur. Its realms stretched unbroken from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean, and the title "King of the Four Quarters of the Earth" was used by successive rulers. Yet the origin of the dynasty is an unsolved problem, and little is known of the great wars by which its empire must have been established.

Ur-Nammu leaps suddenly into history as a rebel against Utukhegal, the last king of the preceding dynasty, whom he had previously served as the local governor of Ur. From the moment of his accession he laboured to make the city worthy of the position to which his ambition destined it, and to make its Moongod Nannar the most respected deity in Mesopotamia.

"He made justice to reign," "Wickedness tarried not before him," and "The righteousness of Ur-Nammu, a treasure" are phrases which suggest that his vast empire was ably administered. Round his capital the irrigation system was in urgent need of repair, and it was probably by his great net-work of canals as much as by foreign conquest that he earned his other title of "The Merciful Lord who brought prosperity to Ur."

One scene depicted on a limestone stele shows the king in an attitude of worship and an angel flying down to him from heaven holding a vase from which the water of fertility is pouring out upon the ground.

Another scene shows cattle, and men milking them, and the whole tone of the monument was described by Mr. Woolley as being in striking contrast to the corresponding Assyrian monuments, which testify to success in conquest rather than to skill in administration.

Dungi, Ur-Nammu's son, fought many wars in his 65 years' reign, and more completely reduced the outlying provinces of the empire. The period must have been one of great prosperity for there was continuous peace within the home lands of Sumer and Akkad.

Tablets from Lagash show how great must have been the wealth of even a provincial shrine. These tablets enumerate vast possessions of sheep, cattle, and other livestock, and give impressive details of the administration of the temple property. Like his son Bur-Sin Dungi was an active builder, and, as Mr. Woolley has expressed it: "If they left fewer monuments than their predecessors, it was probably because there was less left for them to build."

## Height of the Temple.

The gods of the Sumerians are often represented as standing on mountains, and it was probably for this reason that the temple of the Ziggurat was built to such a vast height.

In the opinion of archaeologists, it represents an attempt on the part of an invading hill people to reproduce in Mesopotamia the traditional

## SINO-RUSSIAN OUTLOOK.

SOVIET WANTS TO RESUME RELATIONS.

## PROPAGANDA POINT.

Tientsin, Feb. 2. That the Soviet Government is most desirous of resuming political and commercial relations with the Nanking regime was the remark made by General Mo Teh-hui, Chinese delegate to the Sino-Soviet Conference at Moscow, who arrived here yesterday after a series of conferences with the high Manchurian officials, including General Chang Hsueh-liang, at Mukden.

General Mo is on his way to Nanking to submit a report of his work at Moscow to Mr. C. T. Wang before returning to Russia, where the final conferences with the Russian authorities will be held some time in March.

Interviewed by Chinese correspondents on the train, General Mo denied all rumours that the Russian Government intended to bring pressure on the Moscow conference by increasing the Russian garrison forces on the Russian-Manchurian frontier. He remarked that, on the contrary, the Soviet Government had recently changed its attitude of aggression, expressing a wish to effect an early settlement of all outstanding disputes. In view of the deadlock on the C. E. R. question, the Mukden Government was desirous that Nanking and Moscow should reach an amicable agreement as early as possible.

Commenting on the possibility of the Russian Government continuing the dissemination of Communist propaganda in North-Western China after the resumption of Russian-Chinese commercial and political relations, General Mo said that Nanking could adopt the policy used by the Turkish Government by enforcing rigid measures within China and by laying down conditions in the new Treaty with Russia. High officials of the Nanking Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed General Mo Teh-hui at Tientsin and accompanied him to Nanking, leaving here last evening by special train. The Nanking officials and General Mo were entertained by the Tientsin Municipal officials at Government House last evening.

## A GREYNA WEDDING BY LAMPLIGHT.

## HUNGARIAN COUPLE.

London, Jan. 5. Frantisek Roth, the Hungarian violinist, who will broadcast from London on Wednesday and afterwards is to tour Canada and the United States, was married over the anvil at Gretna Green on Saturday to Elizabeth Acht, a painter, of Budapest.

Before dawn Mr. R. Benetton, the blacksmith, was awakened by shouts of "Marry, marry, marry," and the ceremony was performed with the aid of an oil lamp. The bride travelled 1,000 miles to Aberdeen a short time ago to meet her fiancé, and the couple had travelled over night from Aberdeen, where the bridegroom has been fulfilling an engagement.

After the wedding the couple left for London and on January 9 they will proceed to the United States for a three months' tour. The only words of English the bride can speak are "Very good." Asked why they chose Gretna for the wedding the bridegroom replied "For the sake of romance."

home of their native gods. As the name by which it was known Mr. Woolley has suggested "The Mountain of God" or "The Hill of Heaven."

Superb works of art were discovered in earlier royal tombs uncovered by previous expeditions. These included the magnificent head of Shub-ad in her funeral finery and with an elaborate head-dress and neck ornaments which have probably never been surpassed by later craftsmen. Other important finds were a complete toilet-box with the paint used by the ladies of the Court, and an almost perfect figure of "the lamb caught in a thicket."

These strange relics of early man were uncovered beneath a monotonous plain which few could have believed until the middle of last century had ever been habitable by human beings.

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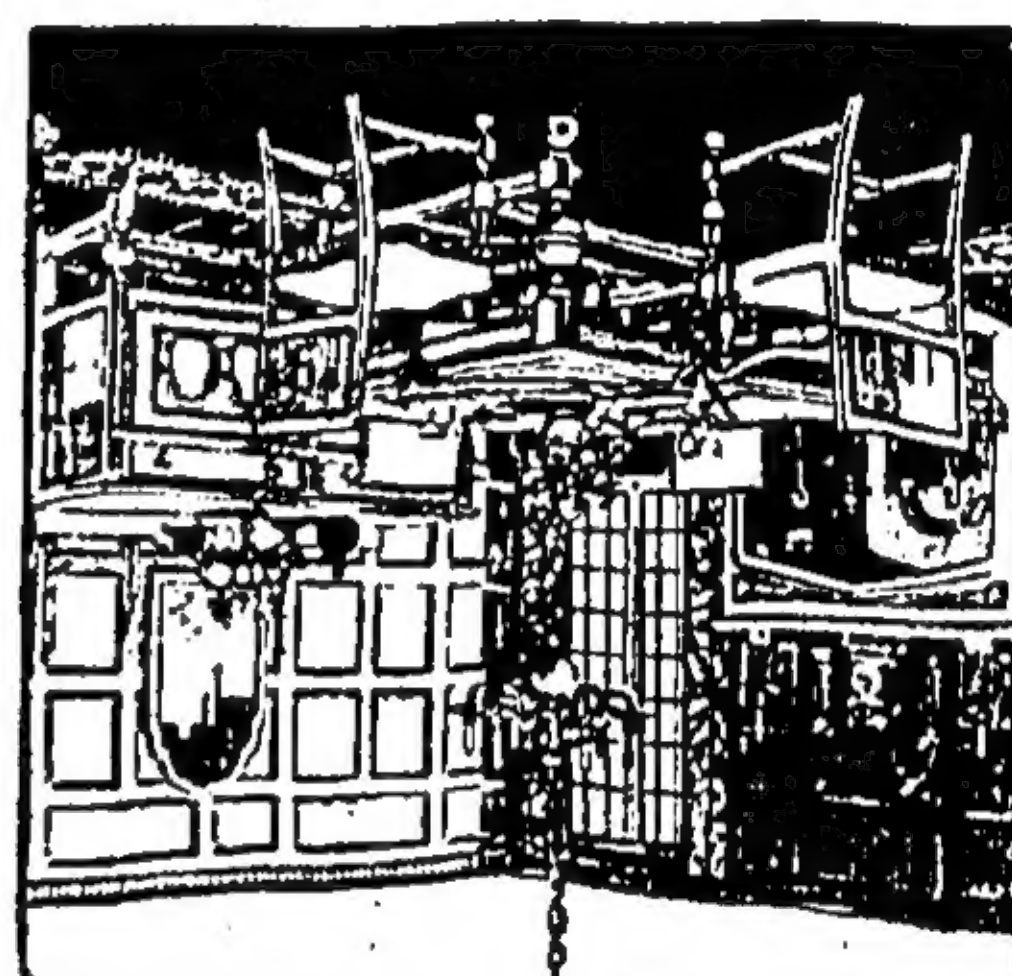
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## TUNGSHAN GOLF CLUB.

### SCOTLAND DEFEAT ENGLAND.

Canton, Feb. 2.  
Scotland defeated England by 10 points to 2 points in the last of the triangular international golf matches for the season 1930-1931 played here yesterday.  
In the morning, Scotland won five of the six singles, thereby establishing a lead at the tiffin interval of 5 points to 1. The afternoon foursomes resulted in Scotland winning two and halving the third.  
The individual scores were as follows:

**Singles.**  
W. Galloway beat R. K. Batchelor 1 up.  
J. T. Smith beat C. E. Watson 5 and 4.  
A. T. Lay beat E. R. Hill 1 up.  
McCosh-Clark beat D.A. Baker-Carr 4 and 2.  
Capt. Rutherford lost to M. A. Annett 2 and 1.  
W. M. Stratton beat T. M. Knott 5 and 4.

**Foursomes.**  
J. T. Smith & McCosh-Clark beat C. E. Watson & M. A. Annett 2 up.  
A. T. Lay & W. M. Stratton beat T. M. Knott & D.A. Baker-Carr 5 and 3.  
W. Galloway & Capt. Rutherford tied with R. K. Batchelor & E. R. Hill.

America are the winners of the tournament, having defeated both Scotland and England.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Club's annual Meeting.

Canton, Feb. 2.  
At the annual meeting of the Tungshan Recreation Club, the following gentlemen were elected to the Committee for the year 1931:—Messrs. W. M. Stratton, President; W. Galloway, Captain; C. E. Sandstrom, Hon. Secretary; A. T. Lay, G. W. Greene, G. H. Burdick and A. N. Spencer.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. V. E. Ferrier for having very kindly audited the accounts for 1930.  
The annual report stated that in June Mr. J. M. Walker departed on transfer to Hongkong. Besides being one of the Club's ablest and keenest golfers, Mr. Walker had devoted much time and effort in promoting the interests of the Club. Mr. Walker was responsible for the reorganization of the Club and revival of golf which took place in 1928.

Membership.—The Club's membership now stands at:—Honorary members, 8; life members, 2; full members, 60; non-playing members, 18; lady subscribers, 33; subscribers, 8.

The Course.—The Club has been fortunate in having a ground Committee who have worked unceasingly to make something like a golf course of the Club's grounds. The Committee believe Mr. Gilman is deserving of special commendation for his part in the improvement to the course.

The Clubhouse.—The scheme for alterations to the Clubhouse approved at the last annual general meeting has been carried out and the general sentiment among members seems to be that the house presents a very much improved appearance besides providing more space. Numerous other improvements have been effected of which in particular might be mentioned the reconditioning of the billiard table and the very fine lighting system installed at very slight expense under the supervision of Mr. Gilman.

Caddies.—The Committee has wrestled with the ever-recurring and vexatious caddy problem. In the absence of any full time caretaker or caddy master who can intelligently supervise and control the caddies, there seems to be little that the Committee can do to improve the caddy service. The Club is not a position to hire the type of man who can effectively carry out this work. Most of the dissatisfaction is with the look-ases and the Committee is of the opinion that if look-ases, both private and posted, were abolished the club carrying caddies could be trained to responsibility in the matter of finding balls. It is matter of finding balls would be lost than under the present system. This suggestion will be submitted to the incoming Committee for their consideration.—Our Own Correspondent.

### PRINCESS BEATRICE. SLIGHT CHANGE FOR WORSE ANNOUNCED.

London, Feb. 2.  
A bulletin issued yesterday evening stated that the condition of Princess Beatrice was not so satisfactory, owing to a slight rise of temperature, associated with exacerbation of her bronchitis.  
Although this slight setback was followed by a somewhat disturbed night, to-day's bulletin states that the Princess's condition this morning was rather more satisfactory.  
—British Wireless.

## MIDGET GOLF IN CANTON.

### A COURSE OPENED ON SHAMEEN.

Shameen, Feb. 2.  
To Mr. W. R. Farmer belongs the credit of bringing midget golf to Canton. The set which is installed in the Lounge of the Victoria Hotel Shameen, was opened at 7 p.m. yesterday, when the management made the opening occasion for a small reception. Mr. K. K. Batchelor, Chairman of the Shamshen Municipal Council played the inaugural game, after which a hundred or so of Shameen golfers and non-golfers played over the course.

Mr. W. R. Farmer gave a short speech in which he said that he planned to install several other miniature golf courses in Canton as soon as negotiations for the different locations were completed. He thanked those who had attended and Mr. Batchelor in particular, and also expressed his appreciation of the hard work put in by Mr. F. V. Whittier of the Arcade Midget Golf Co., of Hongkong, which had enabled him to claim the honour of installing the first complete course in Canton.

From the reception it followed last night, upon its opening, the Lounge of the Victoria Hotel promises to be the scene of many indoor golf tussles. The set consists of nine holes or fairways. While it is admitted that the element of luck enters into midget golf to a far greater extent than in the real game, many of the thrills and fascinations of the game are to be had. The hazards consist of wooden bunkers, loop-the-loops, hidden tunnels, inclined planes, swings, windmills and see-saws.

Mr. Farmer is to be congratulated on his enterprise and there is no doubt that his new venture will receive the support it deserves.  
—Our Own Correspondent.

## PAPERCHASE MEET.

### WIN FOR MISS PAMELA SCOTT HARSTON.

Quite a number of riders turned out to participate in the third paper hunt engagement which was conducted at Fanning on Sunday afternoon. Mr. W. T. Stanton was master of ceremonies, and was warmly congratulated after the meet for the very fine run which he had given these present. The special features were the manner in which paper had been distributed and the piece of new country which was introduced for the first time this season.

The result was:  
Miss Pamela Scott Harston, 1  
Christmas Belle (L) ..... 1  
Mr. Davidson, Grey Mouse (H) ..... 2  
Miss Schroeter, Chemical (H) ..... 3  
Mr. Church, Joseph (H) ..... 4  
Capt. Carmichael, Hefty (H) ..... 5  
Mr. Heard, Fifty-Fifty (L) ..... 6  
Those who entered were:—Heavyweights:—Mr. Bousfield (Pelleau), Miss Fair (White Slave), Miss Eamo Scott Harston (Groombridge), Capt. Carmichael (Hefty), Major Hewson (Erin-go-Braugh), Mrs. Hewson (Red Prince), Miss Schroeter (Chemical), Mr. Davidson (Grey Mouse), Mr. Church (Joseph), Mr. Brayfield (Fernleaf).

Lightweights:—Mr. Keith Murray (Pal o' Mine), Mr. Ferguson (Bay Rhum), Mr. James (Harford), Miss Pamela Scott Harston (Christmas Belle), Mr. Fischer (Discard), Mr. Bellow (Digby), Mr. Parker (Chess Hall), Mr. Cochran (Mad Carew), Mr. Heard (Fifty-Fifty), Mr. H. C. Lee (The Bruiser), Mr. Dale (Snare-fell).

## BROPHY IN FOCHOW.

### FLIES BACK AFTER MAKING TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

Fochow, Feb. 2.  
Temporary repairs have enabled Mr. Brophy to fly back to Fochow. He took off at one o'clock to-day and expects to leave for Canton in three days' time.—Reuter.

Mr. Brophy, who is in charge of the Aviation Division of the L. E. Gale Company, who are sponsoring the flight, was expected in Canton at five o'clock on the afternoon of the 23rd ult., having taken off from Shanghai at a quarter past eight in the morning. This was the first lap of his solo flight to Manila as a forerunner to the establishment of an airmail and passenger service line between China and the Philippines. Meeting with adverse weather conditions Mr. Brophy was forced down at Chuchow, about 200 miles southward of Shanghai, but his machine fortunately was not damaged. After some trouble with the Chinese authorities he again took off for Canton arriving at Fochow on the 26th. Shortly after taking off the next day he climbed to 14,000 feet but heavy sleet and snow forced the plane down and he landed on a sandy beach, bending his steel propeller. The propeller was taken to Manila for repairs and it was believed that he would have to abandon his flight and come to Hongkong where another machine was awaiting him. Unexpected success in getting repairs made, however, made it possible to fly back to Fochow.

## MR. FORD'S ALLEGED MISTAKE.

### ABANDONING RUBBER PLANS IN BRAZIL.

New York, Feb. 2.  
It is reported from Para that there are indications that Mr. Henry Ford is abandoning his rubber growing experiment, after investing several millions of dollars in plantations in the Tapajos River region of Brazil. The employees have been reduced from 3,000 to 200. Some of the staff men have resigned and others are being transferred to Australia.  
It is reported that Mr. Ford believed he had a Government concession, whereas he only had a state grant.—Reuter's American Service.

## BANDIT MENACE INCREASES.

### JEHOL AND SUAIYUAN NOW OVERRUN.

Peking, Feb. 2.  
Chinese as well as foreign travellers from Jehol and Suaiyuan state that these provinces are becoming increasingly infested with bandits, and it is now very dangerous to leave the railway. In Suaiyuan the line, and even the towns along the railway, are unsafe.  
Conditions are such that many hitherto law-abiding people have joined the brigands, including several famine relief workers. The vernacular papers state that the bandits at Jehol number 20,000, nearly all being ex-soldiers.—Reuter.

## ECONOMIC MISSION.

### ENQUIRY ON COTTON TRADE IN CHINESE CHAMBER.

Some of the members of the British Economic Mission, who are members of the Cotton Mission, visited the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, and conferred with leading Chinese cotton dealers and Messrs. Li Yick-mul, and Chan Heung-pak, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Chamber. Leading Chinese cotton firms were represented by Messrs. Yick Kee-chau (Hing Sang Firm), Leung Yau-sang (Po Cheung Firm) and Leung Yiu-chi (Yuan On Firm). The meeting lasted over one and a half hours. The visitors were entertained afterwards by the Chamber to ten.

## SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	
Hongkong Bank, \$2030 b.	
Chartered Bank, \$1634 n.	
Mercantile A. & B., \$24½ n.	
East Asia \$120 b.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$1300 n.	
Union Ins., \$592 b.	
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.	
China Underwriters, \$9.25 b.	
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.	
China Fire, \$475 b.	
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 sn.	
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$284½ s.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 n.	
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$38 s.	
Mining.	
Benguet, \$103½ s.	
Kailans, 33/9 n.	
Shui Explorations, Tls. 2½ n.	
Rauks, \$39 s.	
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$173½	
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.	
South China Motors \$10 n.	
China Providents, \$5.25 b. (old).	
Hongkwa, Tls. 270 n.	
New Engineering, Tls. 6 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 n.	
Cottons.	
Ewo Cotton, Tls. 14.40 b.	
Shui Cottons, Tls. 90½ (old) b.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.80 s.	
H. K. Land, \$86 b. (old).	
do, \$84½	
Shui Land Tls. 360 b.	
Humphreys, \$17.15 b.	
Realities, \$9.40 b.	
Public Utilities.	
Tranways, \$17.40 s.	
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.	
Star Ferries, \$92½ b.	
China Lights, (old) \$25.15 s.	
H. K. Electric, \$79¾ s.	
Telephones, \$35½ n.	
China Buses, Tls. 19 n.	
Singapore Tractions, 7/10 n.	
Industrials.	
China Sugars, 80 cts. n.	
Malabons, \$27 n.	
Cold. Macg. Ord. Tls. 11¾	
Canton Ice, \$3.60 n.	
Cements (Comb) \$16.85 b.	
Ropes, \$13.40 s.	
Venz: Goldfields \$3.50 b.	
Stores, etc.	
Dairy Farms, \$26.25 s.	
Watson, \$12.50 b.	
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.	
Lane Cans, \$4 n.	
Mackintosh, \$19 b.	
Sincera, \$13½ n.	
Miscellaneous.	
Amusements, \$26½ b.	
Constructions, \$5.20 n.	
B' que Ind. G. Bonds, \$67½% n.	
H.K.G. Loan, 6¼% Prem.	

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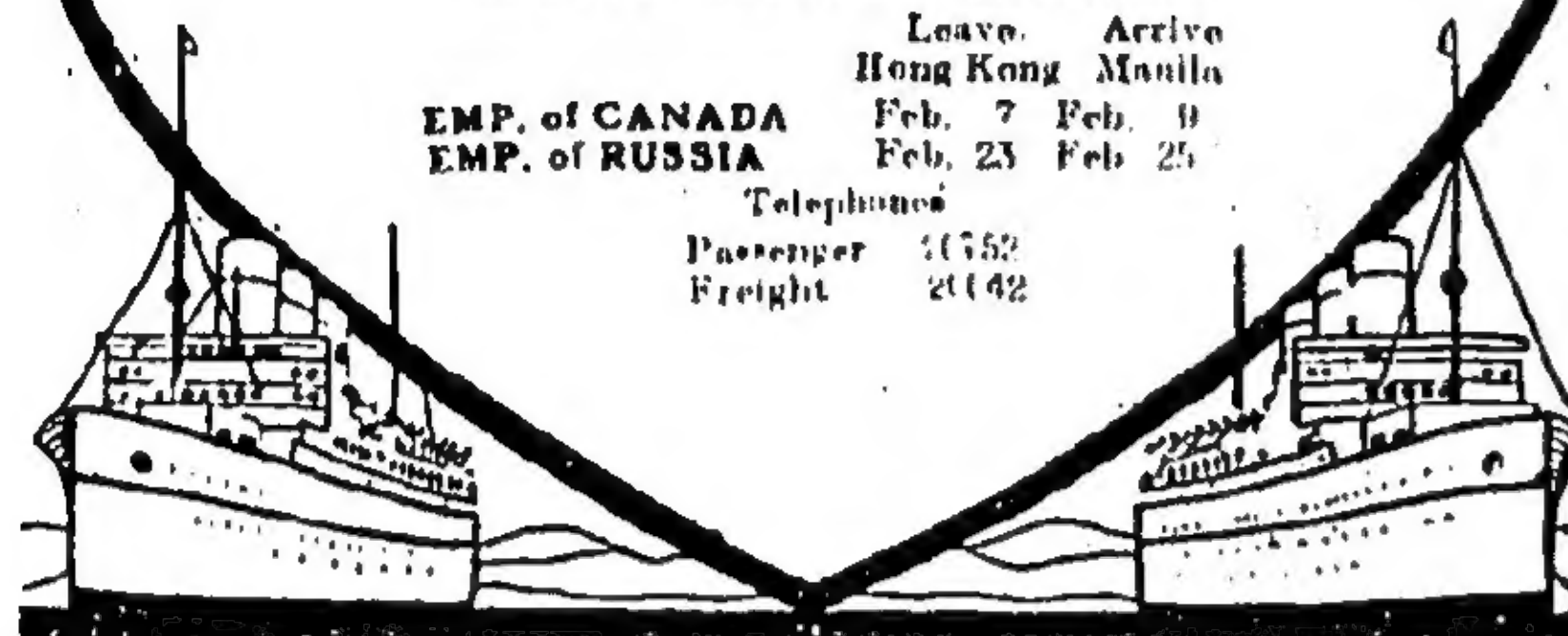
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Empress of Asia	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 21
Empress of Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Apr. 4
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	Apr. 17
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
Empress of Canada	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	May 2	May 14
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	May 25
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30	June 10
Empress of Asia	June 6	June 9	June 11	June 13	June 22
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 8
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	Aug. 5
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## MANTON SHOOTING AFFAIR.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the trial of Mrs. J. M. Xavier, yesterday, Dr. I. Newell, of the Government Civil Hospital, described the three wounds sustained by Manton. He explained that two of the bullets entered the back near the shoulder blades while the other went through the flesh of the right arm. Two days after the patient's admission to Hospital a bullet was extracted from the back. None of the wounds were serious.

Witness intimated that the bullets which had caused the injuries had been spent bullets, but if they had had a good charge behind them they might have produced serious injuries.

In reply to Mr. Hodgson, witness said that if fired from a distance of not more than three feet there must have been considerable variation of aim.

Mrs. C. M. Xavier wife of Mr. R. G. Xavier and sister of the accused, said that defendant visited her home shortly after ten o'clock on December 27. After they had exchanged words of greeting witness went to have a bath. She could not say where she had left her bunch of keys but on her return she found her sister had left and her keys in the wardrobe in which her husband's revolver was locked. Without opening the drawer she extracted the key.

About half an hour afterwards witness received a hit from the servant of Mrs. Goetz, another sister. The note was shown to Mr. Xavier who appeared at that moment, and together they went to the wardrobe and found the revolver missing.

Witness said that she did not notice anything peculiar with her sister in the morning.

Answering Mr. Hodgson, witness said her sister frequently visited her. Witness had no reason to know why her sister had taken the revolver.

"Where Is My Cell?"

Detective Sub-Inspector Michael Murphy, attached to the Wanchai Police Station, testified that the accused went there of her own accord. Appearing in the charge room, her first utterance was, "Where is my cell?"

"I told her to keep calm," said witness, "and gave her a chair and told her to sit down."

Manton was in the charge-room when the woman came in, sitting in a position where they might have seen each other without witness knowing it.

After escorting Manton in an ambulance to the Government Civil Hospital, witness returned to Wanchai. He went to the floor at Lockhart Road, and there picked up a live round, a separate lead bullet, and three empty cartridge cases, all scattered within an area of three feet square.

"Conscience Clear."

Witness formally charged the accused with attempted murder the following morning at Police Headquarters. He cautioned her before she made this statement which was read over to her before she signed it.

"I don't think I have anything to say. My conscience is quite clear of any guilty act, especially against Manton. I would have never harmed him."

Mr. Hodgson, Inspector, when the accused came into the charge room, did she appear to be very

## TALKING PICTURES IN ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

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London, Feb. 2.

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excited?—She was very excited. When you came back from taking Mr. Manton to Hospital you went up to the premises and inspected the place, did you examine the contents of any of the cupboards or drawers or anything of the sort?—I didn't.

You merely made a superficial examination of what was lying about the room?—That is so.

You know who supplied or sent certain amount of bedding, and clothing to the accused, later on?—I knew things of the sort were handed over to Mr. Goetz.

And you know who went up to get the clothing and bedding for her?—I do not know, but I have heard about it.

The Magistrate (interposing): Is that material?

A Letter.

Mr. Hodgson: Mr. Goetz, in looking for the clothing, came across a letter which had been written by the accused. I am going to put in this letter in Court and I am going to ask Mr. Goetz to be called as a witness, because this letter, to my mind, is very important. I have shown it to Mr. Fitzroy, and to the Police, but because they had not seen it before, they refused to admit it into the case. Assuming that Mr. Goetz, coming forward, were to say he found that letter in the drawer—assuming he did, if you, Inspector Murphy, had made an examination of the drawer, would you have found it?—Yes.

As far as you knew, no other Police officer made any examination of any drawers or wardrobes?—As far as I know, no.

Sergeant J. E. Scott, Police Armourer at Police Headquarters, to whom the weapon was handed at 10 p.m. the same day, said it was an Iver-Johnson five-chambered .32 revolver, which to fire, would require a separate pull of the trigger for every bullet released. He affirmed that the .32 used and live cartridges shown to him by Inspector Murphy, all fitted the weapon.

In reply to the Magistrate, witness said the trigger had a normal pull.

A decomposition of powder carbon, left inside the barrel and on the face of the cylinder, explained witness, showed that the weapon had been recently fired—within a period of twenty-four hours. The live rounds that he examined appeared to be old and deteriorated.

Importance of Letter.

Acting Sub-Inspector W. Hynes, who was on duty on the afternoon in question, said Manton came into the charge-room, and making a report to him, handed him the weapon produced in Court. Witness put it away in a

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drawn, while he looked after the injured man, later sending him to Hospital in an ambulance.

The case for the Crown closed with this evidence.

Reverting to the letter mentioned earlier, as having been left by the accused in a drawer and which he said the Police had overlooked, Mr. Hodgson stressed the important bearing it had upon his case. He complained of its exclusion by the Crown, and submitted that it should have been looked for by the Police.

The Magistrate said there was no evidence at all as to how it was obtained.

Mr. Hodgson proposed to prove the letter and to call Mr. Goetz in this connection.

Discussion ensued as to the onus of proving the letter. Mr. Hodgson arguing against Mr. Fitzroy that it was the duty of the Crown to have brought in this witness.

His Worship said he would make a note of the contending views, for reference in the Court above.

The Magistrate: I take it, Mr. Hodgson, that you desire to make it known that your defence will be an accident. You know, the Judge may strongly comment on failure to disclose the defence here.

Accused Committed.

Mr. Hodgson agreed that his defence would be an accident "brought about by Mrs. Xavier contemplating shooting herself, but accidentally pulling the trigger, firing the gun and wounding Mr. Manton."

Evidence for the defence was reserved by Mr. Hodgson for the Court above. After being duly warned according to procedure, Mrs. Xavier, when asked if she wished to say anything then, replied, in a clear voice: "I do not wish to say anything."

The Magistrate: You stand committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

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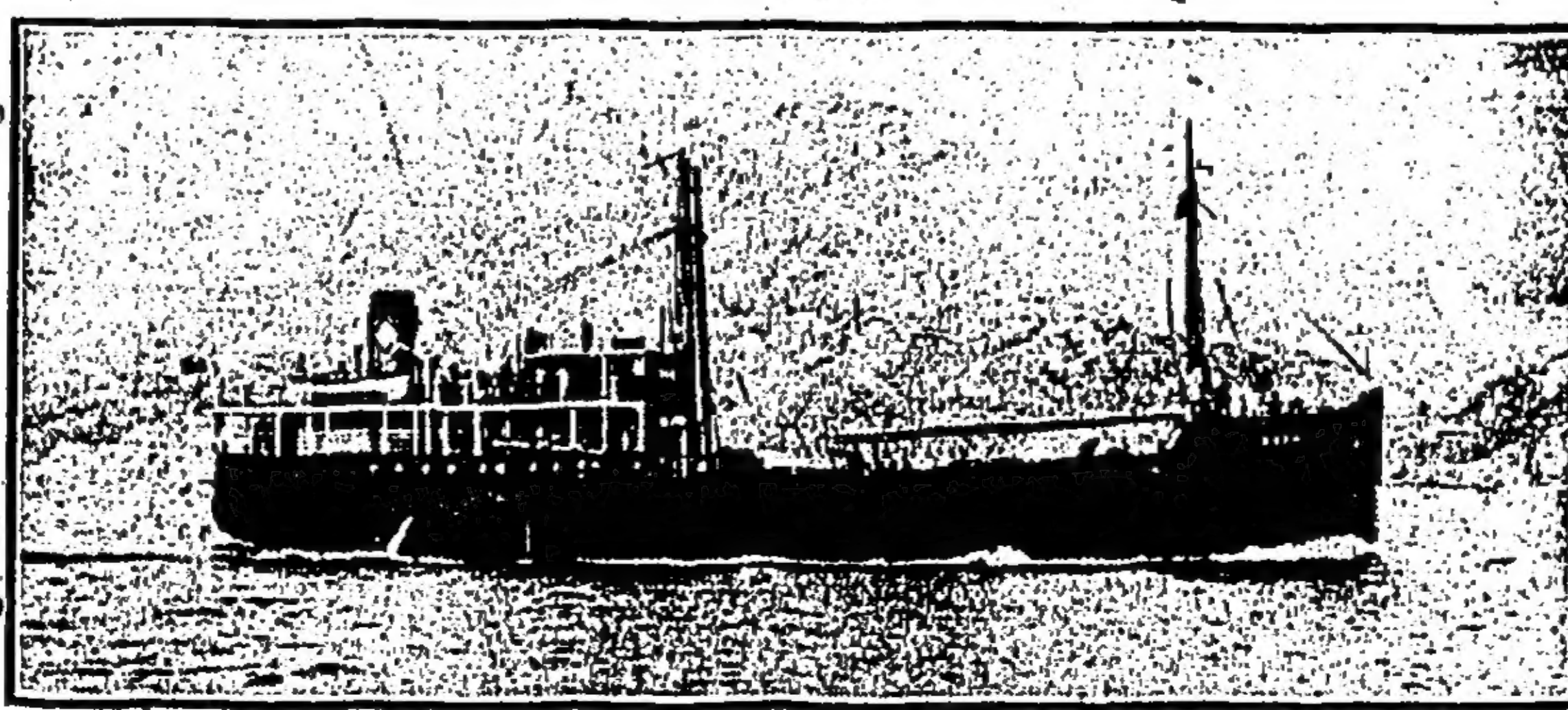
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TILAWA	10,006	23rd Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
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MEASURE COMES UP FOR SECOND READING.

London, Feb. 2.  
The Parliamentary event this week will be the second reading and debate on the Electoral Reform Bill, which opens to-day.

The Conservatives will oppose the measure, but the Liberals, who regard the alternative vote as a step towards proportional representation which they strongly favour, will support the Government.

It is generally expected that the Bill will receive its second reading.

—British Wireless.

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## STOCK EXCHANGE ANNIVERSARY.

BROKERS NOT ALWAYS "IN THE KNOW."

BEAR AND FORBEAR.

Members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange were at home this morning, when a reception was held at Exchange Buildings to mark its 40th anniversary. Mr. G. C. Moxon proposed the health of the Exchange, with which he coupled the name of Mr. G. H. Potts, chairman of the Exchange, who replied.

Mr. Moxon's Speech.

Proposing "Success to the Hongkong Stock Exchange," Mr. Moxon, of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, said he wished them many years of health and prosperity. He was personally deeply sensible of the compliment paid to him, that on the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, he should be asked to propose the toast, and to couple with it the name of their old friend, Mr. George Potts.

When they considered the many ups and downs which were inseparable from such a business, they could be well proud of the manner in which they had controlled the business and had kept the flag flying, while their scope of activities was far wider than of yore. He thought there was something in the rough and tumble of the share market which called for camaraderie, and made for a spirit of bearing and forbearance, generosity and open-handedness.

Of the original members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, only three individuals were still alive. The first, and easily first, was Mr. George Potts, their Chairman to-day. His was a marvellous record and a marvellous personality. The second was Mr. J. R. Michael, whom he met in London a short while ago, and who was apparently still hale and hearty. Thirdly, there was Mr. S. Coxon.

Life and experience must inevitably teach them what they should have done and left undone. He thought that if they modelled their laws and conduct of affairs on the lines of the London Stock Exchange they would probably survive a very long time, for in his opinion the London Stock Exchange was run on the soundest and most practical lines of any exchange in the world.

He wished them many years of prosperity, and he trusted they would complete the century and "carry their bats" with dignity and success alike to themselves and those who supported them.

Mr. Potts on Brokers.

Mr. Potts thanked those present for their wishes, and declared that he was one of the three remaining original members, thanks to a bit of luck. Both his confreres, Messrs. Coxon and Michael, were in London now, and he was sorry that they were not present.

Mr. Potts mentioned Mr. J. Gould, a member of the Committee, who he said had joined the Exchange in the early nineties. He and Mr. Gould had seen the financial progress of the Colony, and could recall the time when the number of banks could be counted on the fingers of one hand, and also when the total market value of investments was only a tenth of the corresponding investments at the present time. It was phenomenal expansion for a small Colony like Hongkong.

Mr. Moxon had spoken of bearing and forbearance, said Mr. Potts, but brokers had to be possessed not only of these qualities in an ample measure but also should have a philosophical temperament. In any catastrophe, the wretched broker was always to blame. Apparently, he said, there were some investors who thought that brokers must know beforehand how the stock market was going to act. Mr. Potts assured the gathering that they did not possess any such knowledge. "If we did," he remarked, amidst laughter, "we would have retired years ago."

Mr. Potts closed a bright speech by paying a tribute to the late Sir Paul Chater for his foresight in reclamation work, and also related an amusing anecdote of Sir Hornumji Noddy.

Revenue Officer Humphreys, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged a Chinese named Chan Tai, with possession of 38 tael of raw opium in Canton Road yesterday.

The officer stated that the defendant was stopped coming out of Soy Street. The opium was found concealed in his waist. A fine of \$1,148, or six months' imprisonment, was imposed. The same officer charged Chan Sai-lo with possession of seven tael of prepared and 6.5 tael of raw opium on the second floor of 620, Canton Road. A fine of \$195, or seven weeks' imprisonment and \$56 or three weeks' were imposed on the respective charges.

## POLICE NET SLIPPED.

CHINESE LEADER OF DRUG RING.

NEWARK RAIDS.

Newark, N.J. Feb. 2.

A spectacular attempt by the Newark police to capture the leader of a Chinese drug ring failed to-day, their quarry slipping through their net.

One hundred and sixty-three Chinese were rounded up during the campaign, which took the form of early morning raids on opium dens in Newark's Chinatown. Sixteen were simultaneously visited, five thousand dollars worth of drugs were seized and the dens were smashed up.

The police had received information that the leader of the ring had just arrived from San Francisco and the raids were an attempt to effect his capture. He was not caught, however. —Reuter's American Service.

Geneva, Feb. 2.

A slashing attack on a system that permits "the prosperity of a great country to be sacrificed to the interests of a few manufacturers," was made by Mr. Lyall, the chairman of the Permanent Opium Committee to-day.

Mr. Lyall cited figures of the opium imported into China from Europe, including six tons of morphine, and declared that while the illicit traffic continued upon its present scale, China was not unreasonable in her distrust of the attitude of the intentions of the manufacturing countries.

The committee unanimously adopted a recommendation affirming the desirability of withdrawing the licences of firms implicated in the illicit traffic in drugs. —Reuter.

## PRESTON GO DOWN AT STOKE.

POTTERS SQUARE ACCOUNTS AT HOME.

London, Feb. 2.

At Stoke to-day in a Second League match, the City defeated Preston North End by three goals to one; the match was postponed on Saturday on account of snow. —Reuter.

The amended table follows:

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Tottenham	27	17	2	8	66	35	36
West Brom.	27	15	5	7	57	34	35
Wolves	26	17	0	9	62	38	34
Bradford	27	13	5	9	70	42	31
Port Vale	27	14	3	10	59	50	31
Preston N. E.	27	12	6	9	61	43	30
Bury	27	13	3	11	57	53	29
Burnley	26	12	6	9	54	55	29
Southampton	27	11	6	10	45	40	28
Oldham	28	11	6	12	40	48	27
Stoke	27	10	6	11	40	51	26
Charlton	27	9	6	12	38	56	24
Swansea	27	9	5	13	39	50	23
Bradford C.	26	8	6	12	36	47	22
Plymouth	27	9	4	14	49	61	22
Bristol C.	27	8	6	13	31	54	22
Millwall	27	9	3	15	53	63	21
Barnsley	27	7	7	13	30	47	21
Nottingham Forest	27	6	8	13	48	62	20
Reading	28	7	5	16	41	71	19
Cardiff	26	7	4	15	39	59	18

## Y.M.C.A. LADIES' NIGHT.

THREE PLAYS TO BE STAGED.

A feature of the Ladies' Night at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, will be the presentation of three plays by the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Players.

The first of these plays will be the one-act comedy, "The Cumberley Triangle," by A. A. Milne, in which the characters will be taken by Kathleen P. Curtin, G. Sims, and T. J. Price.

"In Port," a drama, will also be staged, the parts being taken by W. Robertson, S. M. West and J. J. Ferguson.

Arnold Bennett's one-act farce, "The Stepmother," will also be produced, the characters being Margaret Birt, E. R. Price, G. F. Rees and Wendy Orme.

The plays are being produced by W. Robertson, the staging and effects by J. C. Grenham, whilst Nancy A. McNeillie will be at the piano.

Besides the plays, songs will be rendered by Mrs. Rendall, Mr. G. W. McLeod and Mrs. G. W. McLeod.

## SZECHUAN PEACE MOVE.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.

The tension in Szechuan, where rival armies are at war and are threatening an invasion of Shensi Province, is engaging the attention of the Nanking Government, which is considering the sending of Mr. Chang Chun, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, to Changtu, in Szechuan, to bring about an early peace.

## AIRSHIP LINES TO ORIENT.

HONGKONG TO AMERICA IN A FEW DAYS.

HOPES FOR FUTURE.

Washington, Jan. 28.

An era of transportation in which speeding lighter-than-air ships will take the leading role away from existing carriers was forecast before the house Interstate commerce committee to-day.

Numerous witnesses endorsed the pending Parker Bill which would establish insurance liabilities for airships and permit the postmaster general to grant beneficial air mail contracts for transportation to foreign countries.

Paul Litchfield, president of the Goodyear Zeppelin Corporation, described the hopes of his company and of the International Zeppelin Transport Corporation.

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## LEGAL BATTLE OF LOCAL SHIPPING FIRM.

(Continued from Page 1.)

vened a meeting themselves on July 8, 1930, notices being published in the Press, and sent to shareholders and directors.

At that meeting, Mr. Li Yu-tong, a shareholder, but not a requisitioner, was elected to the chair. There was a great deal of heated discussion, the heat being mainly engendered by the one thing the chairman would not do—put the resolutions which were on the requisition for which purpose the meeting had been convened. During the whole course of that meeting, while it was under the chairmanship of Mr. Li, not one of the resolutions was put.

Stormy Meeting.

The meeting, which was a stormy one, discussed the question of chartering the ships and the possibility of paying a dividend, and after two hours Mr. Li left the chair, saying, in effect, that he was unable to control the meeting, and suggesting that they should elect another chairman. The other side would say that Mr. Li declared the meeting closed, but no chairman had the power to close, dissolve or adjourn the meeting until the resolutions had been dealt with.

After Mr. Li Yu-tong left the room, accompanied by his supporters, those who remained elected another chairman and proceeded to consider the resolutions. Mr. Potter submitted that they were entitled to proceed with the meeting, the chairman having left before the business was completed. The other side referred to it as a second meeting of which no proper notice was given, but there was no second meeting. It was a continuation of the first meeting after Mr. Li had left the chair.

The case is proceeding.

## COMMUNIST ARMY ACTIVE.

ATTACKS ON HUNAN FORCES.

Changsha, Feb. 2.  
The Communist Army under General Li Ming-shul, ex-Kwangsi Divisional Commander, who plundered Lien Hsin in Northern Kwangtung last week, has opened hostilities with the Hunan Government forces at Ichang, on the Hunan frontier near Kwangtung.

Ichang should not be confused with the other Chinese city by the same name which is situated on the Yangtze.

Reinforcements have been despatched from Changsha to assist the Government forces.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.  
Some 10,000 Kwangtung troops of the 60th and 61st Nationalist Divisions, now engaged in anti-Communist work in Central Kwangtung, have been ordered by Nanking to return immediately to Kwangtung. They are to concentrate at Hankow where two Chinese steamers will take them to Canton. A large contingent of Cantonese soldiers is expected to pass through here to-morrow en route to Hankow. It is believed that the orders are in connexion with bandit disturbances in Northern Kwangtung, which has been invaded by General Li Ming-shul's Communist Army.

## AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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